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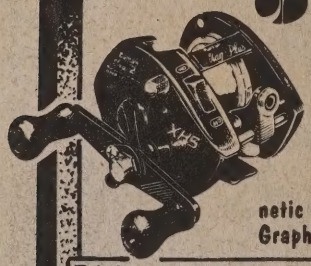

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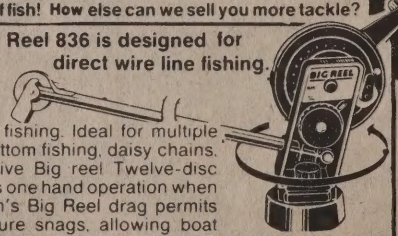

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ABOUT THE COVER:

Featured on the cover of this week's special "Offshore Edition" is the season's first blue marlin. The 762 pounder was trolled at Block Canyon aboard the Shinnecock based, *Tiger Lily*. With the fish at Montauk Marine Basin are the angler, Colman Crowther (kneeling left), Howard Kesseler, Captain Adam Kibel (standing left) and Dennis Gore. The crew needed only an hour and a half to subdue the huge billfish on 80 pound class tackle.

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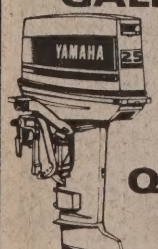

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The tournament will operate from the Guy Lombardo marina in Freeport. There will be competition for shark, tuna, billfish and bluefish. The tournament is open to both clubs and individual fishermen. Tournament prizes will be custom built Sea Isle rods and matching Penn International reels.

Each boat that enters will receive two nights dockage, bait, 2 cans chum, insignia patches with date bar and five tickets to the awards dinner which will follow the tournament. All of the above is included in the entry fee of $180.

For information and application, call: Mike Sullivan, (516) 379-4373 or Bob Lederer, (516) 536-0525.

PRESTIGIOUS BABYLON TOURNEY SET FOR JULY 27 AND 28

The Babylon Tuna Club is pleased to announce its 29th Annual Tuna, Bluefish, Shark and Billfish Tournament to be held at the new Babylon Town Dock on July 27 and 28. All boats entering must be at least 23 feet in length and equipped with VHF or CB radio.

Three-boat club teams will be competing for club prizes. Individual entries compete for awards plus cash prizes totaling $20,000. Mooring facilities at the Babylon Town Dock will be available without cost to the tournament participants. Due to limited dock space, berths will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

This year's entry fee is $250 for the day boats (total for both days) and $500 per boat for the overnight category. There will be no additional angler fees. Bait and chum will **not** be provided; however, it will be readily available in the immediate vicinity of the dock, along with fuel.

A captain's meeting will be held on Friday, July 26, at 8PM, on the town dock. At this time, rules will be explained, questions answered, boat numbers, patches and literature will be distributed. All awards will be made Sunday, July 28 at the dock afte the weigh-in.

As in the past all fish will become the property of the tournament to be auctioned at the Town Dock with all proceeds donated to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children.

Those interested in participating in this year's tournament can call Augie's Custom Tackle Shop on 669-9837 or Ray Seagren on 483-9631, or write to the Babylon Tuna Club, Attention: Invitational Tournament, P.O. Box 123, Babylon, NY 11702.

M.C.A. CHARITY SHARK TOURNAMENT UPDATE

We are now in the age of money tournaments. Not long ago a tournament was held solely to profit the individual running it. We now have a complete turnaround: the sponsors of today's tournaments are promising big bucks.

We, the M.C.A., had the first money tournament in Montauk. We offer cash prizes plus merchandise donated by manufacturers, tackle shops and concerned citizens wishing to help promote the charity aspect of this tournament. The balance of the money collected will be donated to charity.

This year, as in the past, we will award scholarships to two deserving students in the East Hampton school district wishing to continue their education. We will also donate monies generated by this event to such recipients as the Cancer Society, Sea Grant research, Scout troops, Fire Department Rescue Squad, National Marine Fisheries, etc. All the money collected from the entrants is returned as cash prizes or donated to charity. The M.C.A. does not receive any compensation, save goodwill, from this tournament.

This year we welcome as co-sponsors the Berkley Co., manufacturers of fishing line and Lowrance depthfinders. Berkley will supply every boat entered with a large spool of their fishing line and will aslo have a display booth at the contest site. Lowrance has donated an X-16 depthfinder to be awarded to a contest entrant.

The Tournament Committee wishes to inform the public that you need not be a boat captain or even own a boat to enter this contest. The M.C.A. will supply a list of expert boats available to charter for this contest. All you need to do is get a group together and call the Captains Cove Marina, (516) 668-5995 to book a boat for the Tournament. There is no charge for this service.

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On one went home from the tournament empty-handed as each contestant received a DuPont/Stren fishing towel, spool of line, and cap. Complimentary Bass Buster lures and Pre-Sun 15 sunblock from Westwood Pharmaceutical, were also given to each entrant.

By the way, anyone interested in hearing Dave Romeo speak about freshwater fishing on Long Island should make a point of catching his July 9th speaking engagement at the Comsewogue Public Library, 7PM. The Library will also feature Dave Romeo's Guinness World Record exhibit for the entire month of July.

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN SHARK TOURNAMENT

The Montauk Marine Basin has scheduled its 15th Annual Shark Tag Tournament to be held at Montauk on Saturday, July 13th and 14th. All anglers and fishing clubs are cordially invited to partipate. Entries to be limited to 150 boats; first come, first serve basis. Applications are now being accepted.

This year MMB is offering a total prize purse of $15,000 to the lucky anglers who land the largest sharks in various categories. We will be giving $7,500 for the largest mako (other than a world record), $5,000 for the largest overall shark, and $2,500 for the largest blue shark caught. In addition, the tournament committee has placed in escrow $10,000 to be given to the lucky angler who can land a record mako (according to IGFA standards).

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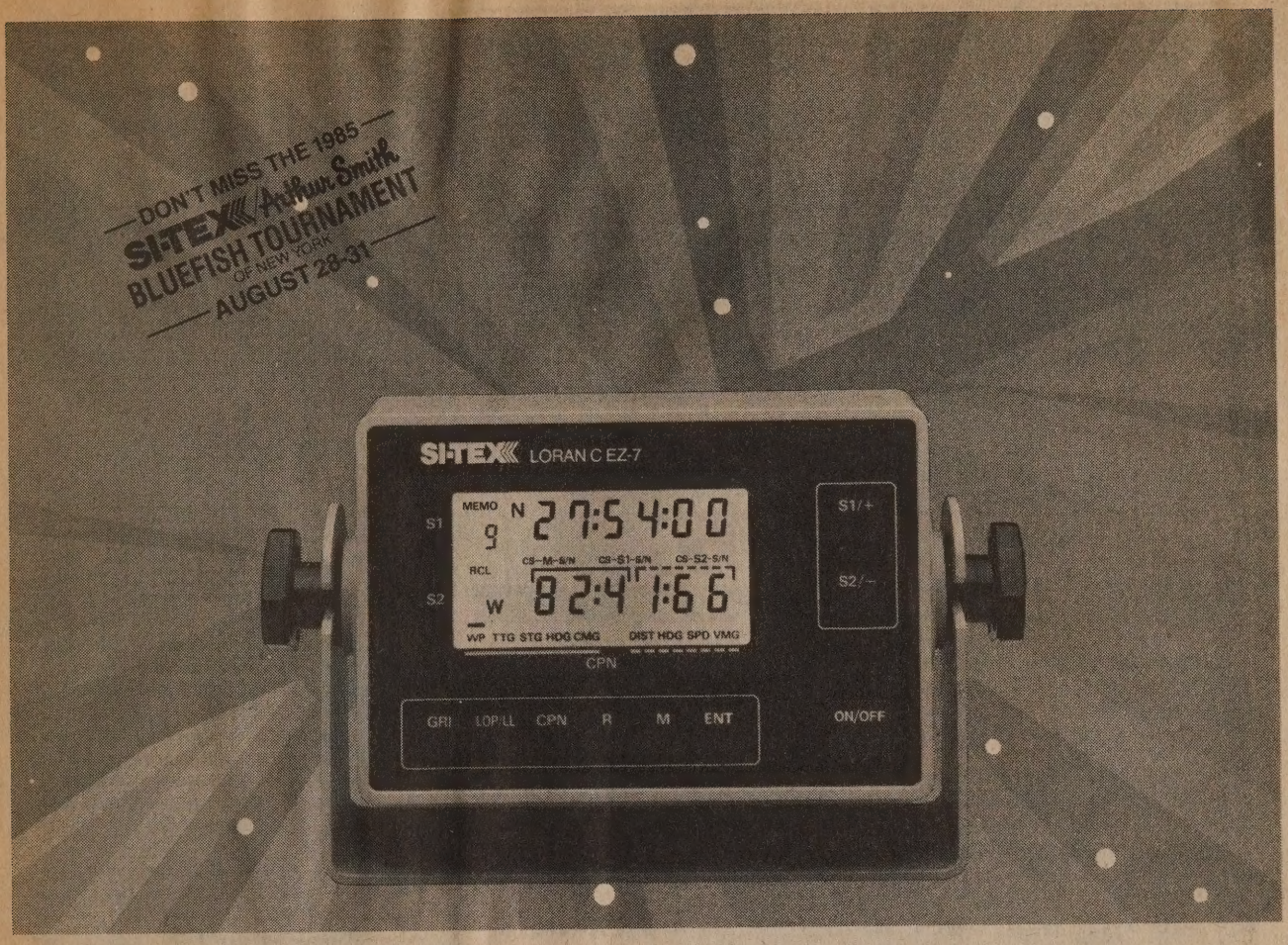

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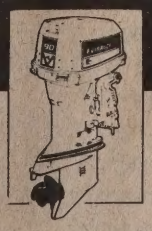

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Recent regulations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Canadian government have required the removal of lead (anti-knock compound) from all gasoline by 1988 due to the lead emission in exhaust being a health hazard.

In order to maintain octane ratings, many gasoline manufacturers are adding ethyl alcohol (ethanol) or methyl alcohol (methanol) to the gasoline to replace the lead. Since 1960, Mercury Marine has recommended operation of all Mercury outboards on any good grade regular leaded, premium, low lead or lead-free gasolines with a minimum posted average octane rating of 86 (research octane rating of 90). All Mariner outboards have the same recommendations since their U.S. introduction in 1976.

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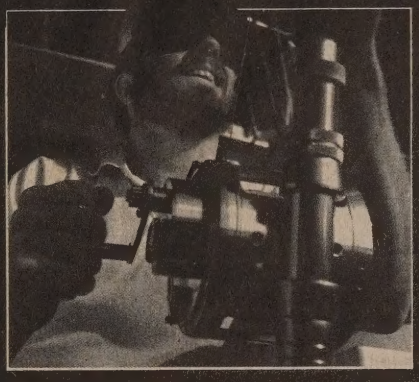

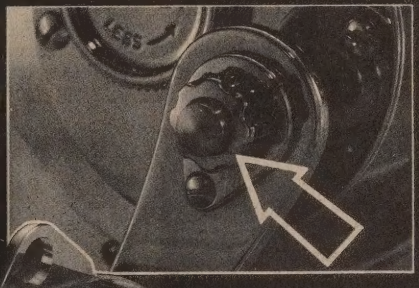

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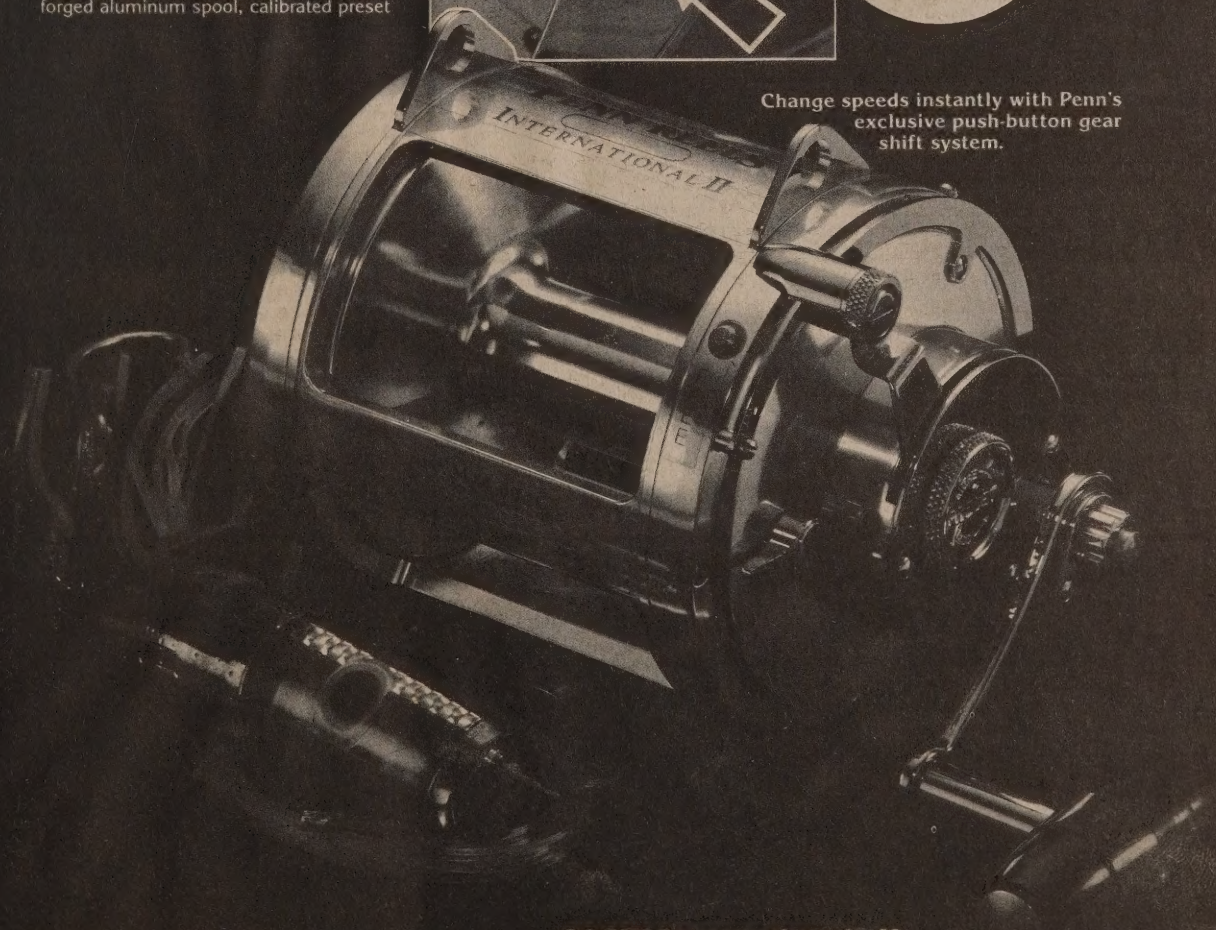

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Fuel leakage from any part of the fuel system can be a fire and explosion hazard which can cause serious bodily injury or death. Careful periodic inspection of the entire fuel system is mandatory, particularly after storage. All fuel components including fuel tanks, whether plastic, metal or fiberglass, fuel lines, primer bulbs, fittings, fuel filters and carburetors should be inspected for leakage, softening, hardening, swelling or corrosion. Any sign of leakage or deterioration necessitates replacement before further engine operation.

Because of the possible adverse effects of alcohol in gasoline, it is recommended that only alcohol free gasoline be used where possible. If only alcohol containing fuel is available, or if the presence of alcohol is unknown, then increased inspection frequency for leaks and abnormalities is required.

Many new motor vehicle owner manuals are warning about the potential damage from using gasoline containing alcohol, especially **Methanol.** They cite possible fuel system damage and performance problems. These are just two of the hazards that may be caused by alcohol. These same problems as well as the additional safety risk of fire and explosion from fuel system leaks apply to outboards and marine inboard engines. **Methanol** is more severe in its bad effects than is **Ethanol.** Alcohol is also more severe in older engines since newer engines have materials which are more resistant to alcohol.

Corrosion of metals may result from use of alcohol-gasoline blends. Portable or permanently installed fuel tanks of metal or fiberglass, fuel filters, fuel lines and float bowls may be affected by alcohol blended fuels. Many fiberglass fuel tanks are slowly dissolved by alcohol, leading immediately to filter and carburetor plugging and eventually to fuel tank failure.

Alcohol containing fuels will absorb moisture from the air. At first, this moisture will remain in solution, but once the water content of the fuel has built up to about one-half of one percent, it will separate out (phase separation), bringing the alcohol with it. This alcohol-water mixture settles to the bottom of the fuel tank and if this mixture gets into the engine, engines can be seriously damaged internally, as it may wash the protective film of oil off the bore of any cylinder that it enters. Before the engine can be restarted, it is necessary to remove the separated alcohol and water layer, flush out the fuel system with clean fuel and remove and dry the spark plugs.

When operating an outboard motor or marine inboard engine on gasoline containing alcohol, storage of gasoline in the fuel tank for long periods of

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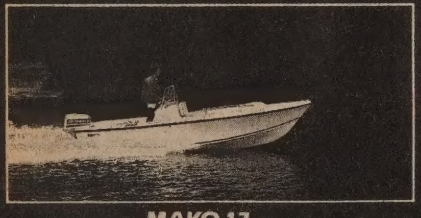

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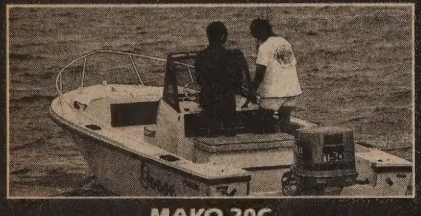

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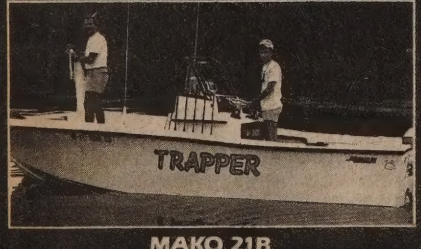

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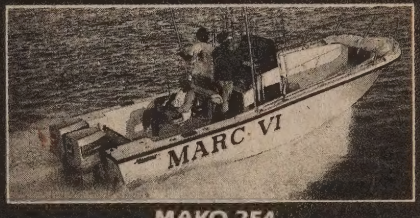

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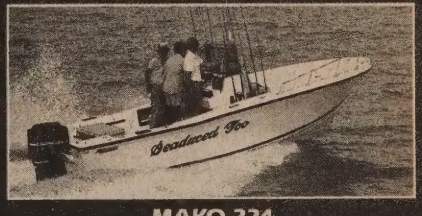

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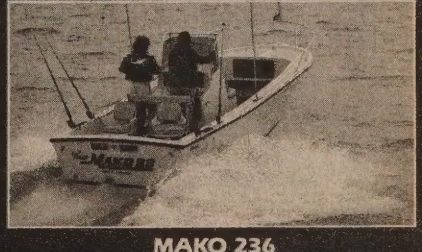

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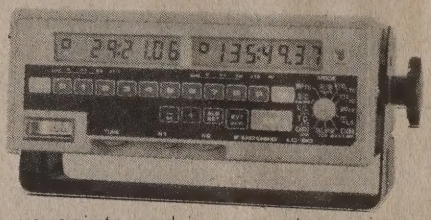

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If boat is to be placed in winter storage, carburetors must be run dry at idle RPM. Permanent fuel tanks should be drained completely and Quicksilver Gasoline Stabilizer and Conditioner added to an fuel remaining in the tank. Portable fuel tanks should be emptied completely.

It is also recommended to coat the internal engine parts with Quicksilver Storage Seal. Follow the directions on the container. This coating will reduce possibilities of internal parts becoming rusted from moisture accumulation during storage.

We recommend pump posting of gasoline content of each type of alcohol. We also urge the use of gasoline which does not contain Methanol or Ethanol when possible.

$1,000,000 GOLDEN MARLIN TOURNAMENT

George Molholm, Tournament Director of the 1985 $1,000,000 Golden Marlin Tournament, announced that while teams fishing the tournament may have no more than seven anglers aboard on any day, teams will be allowed to switch anglers daily allowing as many as 21 team members to fish during the three day event on September 8th to 12th in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

First prize in the million dollar tournament is $400,000 (based on a 75 team entry), plus the anglers boating the largest marlin over 1,000 pounds will take home a 1985 Ferrari 308 GTS.

Entry fee for the prestigious tournament is $21,600, which includes: four deluxe double rooms for six days at the Kona Hilton Beach and Tennis Resort; a top charter boat with captain and crew for three days; nightly entertainment; awards banquet dinner; plus additional prizes.

In the 1984 tournament, teams from as far as South Africa, Florida, Australia and British Columbia, Canada travelled to Kona to compete for the top prize. Mike Kehoe, on board the Right Price, skippered by Michael LyCar and Danny Camacho, took home the top honors and the top prize money when he brought in a 532½ pound Pacific blue marlin: $130,000.

With as many as 21 anglers splitting the entry fee for some teams, and the growing interest in the event from across the country and around the fishing world, the entry list is expected to grow appreciably for the 1985 tournament. If you need further information, please contact Golden Marlin Tournament, 78-505 Puuiki Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740.

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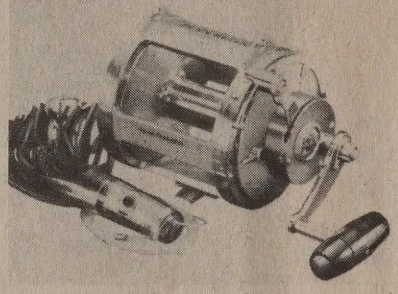

PENN'S NEW INTERNATIONAL IIs OFFER TWO SPEEDS

For 1985, Penn is introducing the International II Two-Speed Series of big game tournament reels, combining all of the performance features of the famous Internationals along with Penn's exclusive new pushbutton gear shift system.

Now for the first time, blue water anglers can shift gears instantly, even while fighting fish. This important advantage is available only from Penn on models 80SW (wide spool) and 80S International IIs.

Penn engineers have put this exclusive pushbutton gear shifter on the right side plate at the base of the handle. A push of the button puts the reel instantly in high gear with a fast 3-1 retrieve ratio for working lines and lures quickly.

Push back in on the button and the International II offers the angler a powerful 1.4-1 ratio—ideal for pumping big tuna, billfish or sharks. Shifting is easy and effortless, even under the pressure of a big fish.

Also new this year is a machined one piece, gold anodized aluminum frame on both the 80SW and 80S International IIs. The new frame (also available on Penn's new 30TW and 12T Internationals) adds even more strength and rigidity and absolutely resists torquing and twisting.

Penn has also introduced a "fighting handle" for the International IIs as well as all the International Series reels. The new handle automatically returns to optimal fishing position for easy gripping and fast action.

The new 80SW International II with the wider spool holds approximately 950 yards of 80 lb. dacron line, while the standard width 80S International II holds approximately 750 yards of 80 lb. dacron.

For more information on Penn's new International II Two-Speed Series reels or other Penn producs, write: Penn Fishing Tackle Mfg. Co., 3028 W. Hunting Park Ave., Dept. P, Philadelphia, PA 19132.

GOTT 172 QUART COOLER CHEST

When the Gott Corporation decided to produce a 172 quart cooler chest (over nine cubic feet of space), the company Knew a tough outer shell was the first consideration.

It decided to manufacture the chest by rotational molding to take advantage of the toughness provided by that process, and to use Marlex TR938 high density polyethylene resin because of that resin's toughness. Marlex TR938 is produced by Phillips Chemical Company, a subsidiary of Phillips Petroleum Company.

"The Gott chest is made for long service and must take years of being dragged, dropped and bounced around," said Bernard Denker, Gott marketing services manager. "In addition to its use as a cooler chest, with the lid down the chest gives extra seating for two adults aboard boats or in other uses," he said.

"The rotomolding process provides added strength to stress points, especially the bottom corners," Denker said. "On a large unit like this, it's important to our customers that these areas stand up to a lot of abuse.

"Rotomolding gives additional structural strength without requiring us to use any augmented support to beef up the vulnerable areas," he added. "The Marlex resin was developed for rotational molding and adds its own toughness to the chEst."

The 172-qt. cooler chest, currently the largest in the Gott line, is used primarily in the marine market, where a big cooler is needed for large fishing groups such as charter boats and "day trippers." Hunters and guides also use the chest for holding field dressed game.

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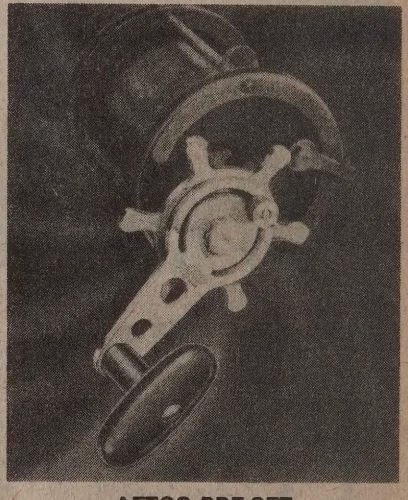

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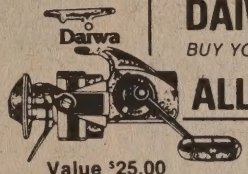

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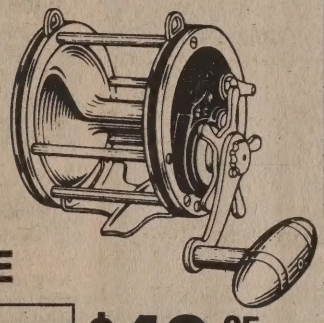

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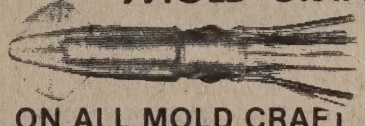

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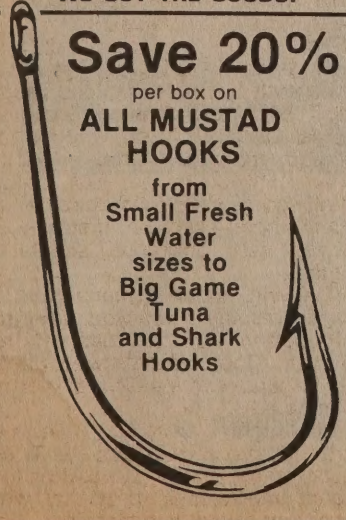

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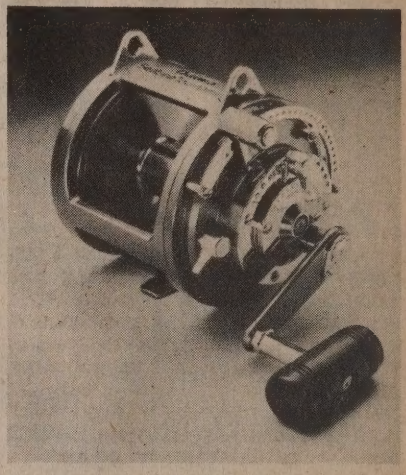
The Marwood-500 measures 18¼" x 18" x 1¾" in the seat, with the backrest approximately 22" high. The footrest pad is 7½" x 24" with choice of black or white anti-skid. The pedestal tube is 2-7/8" in diameter and 16" tall. The helm chair is basically the same dimensions with sides designed to be higher than fighting chairs.

The Marwood-1000 is 19½x19x2¾ inches, with the backrest 29 inches high. The footrest pad is 10½ x 30 inches with choice of black or white non-skid. The side arms are thicker and larger to accommodate double striking rod holders as an extra option. The pedestal tube is 4 inches in diameter and 18 inches tall.

This is the condensed story of the Marwood fightings chairs and, of course, the matching helm chair. For the serious fisherman who wants top-notch equipment at a reasonable price, Go Marwood. Truly more chair, for less!



DAIWA BIG GAME TROLLING REELS HAVE UNIQUE DRAG SYSTEM

Daiwa has taken a new direction in the design of the drag system for their new high quality ocean trolling reel entries announced recently at the 1984 American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers' Association show in Atlanta, GA.

The five models in Daiwa's Sealine Tournament Series of big game trolling reels feature a unique Pat. Pend.

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The upper drag lever is the main drag lever, sometimes referred to as the "strike drag," or "strike lever." It is used when fighting a fight to increase or decrease drag tension within or beyond the pre-set drag range.

Other features of the Sealine Tournament Series reels include a one piece frame machined from solid aluminum alloy, machined aluminum sideplates and spools, multi-electrostatic anodizing to ward off saltwater corrosion, four stainless steel ball bearings and rugged, long-lived nitrided molybdenum steel gearing. Additionally, the reel feet sport a new type of rod clamp (Pat. Pend.) which permits installation of the clamp to the reel after the line is spooled.

Initially, Daiwa will offer five models, including the SLT 30 (700 yds/30# mono), SLT 50 (600 yds/50#), SLT 50W (850 yds/50# mono), SLT 80 (650 yds/80#), and SLT 80W (800 yds/80#).

The reel is finished with an elegant champagne colored anodizing, contrasted with chrome and gold plated fittings.

LOWRANCE UNIT COMBINES LORAN C, GRAPH READINGS

Development of an accessory sonar unit that adds a new dimension to water navigation has been announced by Lowrance Electronics, Inc., Tulsa, OK.

Named the LCI-16, the computerized unit provides for the printing of Loran C position coordinates on chart paper used in new Lowrance X-16 and X-165 Computer Sonar graphs.

Darrell Lowrance, president of the company, said the new "black box" enables the X-16 and X-165 to interface with many Loran C navigation instruments now on the market.

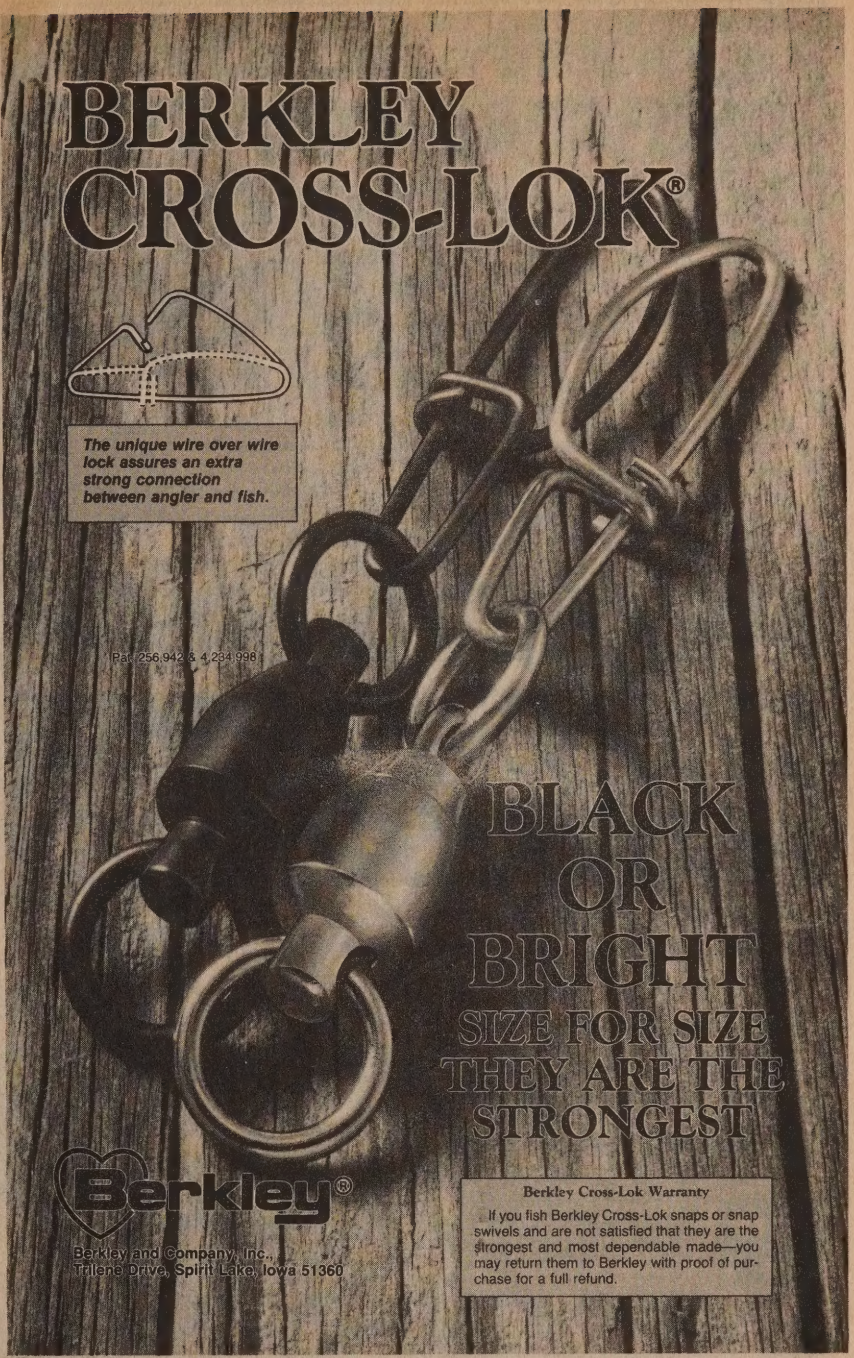
He said it takes only the touch of a button on either of the new graphs to instantly print Loran C latitude and longitude or TD (time difference) coordinates vertically on the paper.

Lowrance termed the unit as revolutionary, and a "breakthrough in the marriage of navigation and sonar."

"The LCI-16 allows the boat operator to pinpoint the location of any object found underwater, whether it be large lake or ocean," Lowrance said. "The location coordinates can be printed right beside a graph picture of the object or school of fish.

"If the object is stationary, such as a sunken ship, the graph-printed coordinates and picture can be used at any later time to find it again, with pinpoint accuracy," he said.

Operating off the boat's 12 volt power supply, the new unit requires no external switches. Power is sup-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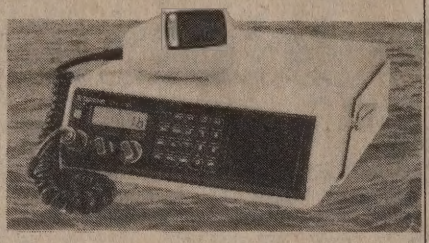

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For further information, contact So-Lo Marine Products, P.O. Box 877, Bridgeport, CT 06601, (203) 336-2700.

BIRD TEASES FISH, FISH BITES LURE

What happened in Kona, Hawaii in April could well change the whole concept of how florida anglers fish for marlin and other denizens of the deep. The reason is, Foley met the Bird.

Peter Foley, owner of Boone Bait Company in Winter Park, Florida, was fishing with a friend in Kona when he spotted the Bird at his friend's house. "We took the Bird fishing that day," remembers Foley, "and I told Hugo Von Platten I had to have that thing."

Peter Foley's excitement surprised the Hawaiians. The Bird—a product of Japan—had, as it turns out,had been used by Kona fishermen for years in fishing for tuna. Essentially, the Bird is a unique urethane teaser lure with short wings that make it flutter like a flying fish on the surface, thus acting as a marlin teaser. Rigged 15 feet in front of a Boonito lure, the Bird creates a real commotion, producing an illusion of a small baitfish in flight.

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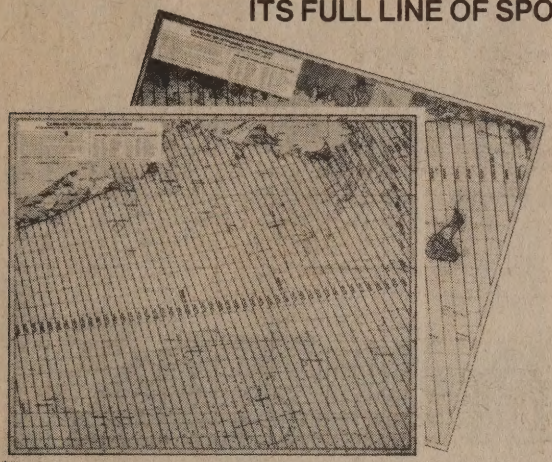
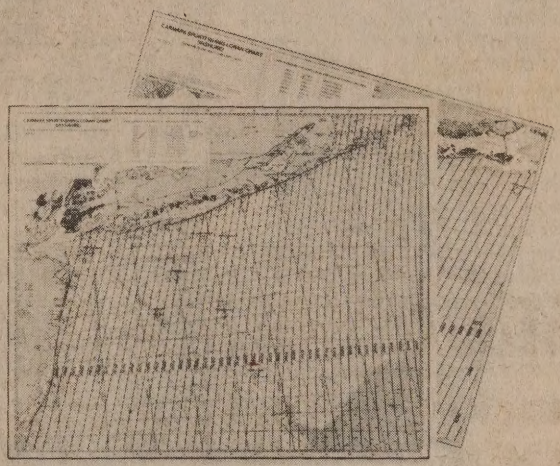


THE MONTAUK CHART. The chart is a two-sided full-color heavily laminated chart that covers from Montauk Pt. to the Hudson Canyon, east to Nantucket shoals to the Vatch Canyon on the offshore side. The inshore side is a closer view of Montauk Pt. to Block Island and the surrounding waters North and South. The chart features easy to read color-coded LORAN C lines and numbers and a list of different LORAN C numbers to wrecks and fishing grounds that are all clearly plotted on both sides.



THE SOUTH SHORE CHART. Two years ago Carmark developed a *full-color* heavy laminated inshore and offshore LORAN C sportfishing chart for the waters south of Long Island. Printed on two sides, the offshore side covers from Beach Haven Inlet to Block Island to the Hudson Canyon while the inshore side covers from Fire Island Inlet to Sea Girt Light to the HA buoy. Its big, easy to read color-coded LORAN C lines and numbers combined with a list of LORAN C numbers to popular fishing grounds and wrecks have made this chart a constant sellout.

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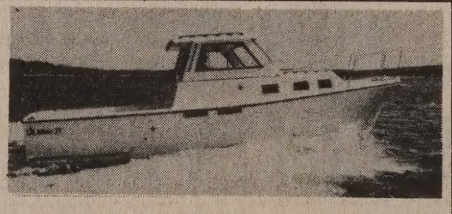

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aboard Foley's "Boone Boat," bagged a 90 lb. blue marlin. Next day again using the Bird, Larrousse landed his second blue marlin, of 185 lbs. That fish took 40 minutes to boat.

When the tournament ended, Boone Boat was declared overall winner against a field of 154 boats and 328 top-notch anglers. Foley was adamant about the Bird's contribution to the victory. "We weren't having any success until we put the Bird out with the lure to create a stir in the water. We got marlin in 30 minutes. That did it for me.

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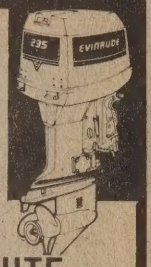

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SPORTSMAN'S TOOL II by G-96

by Fred Golofaro

Among all of the equipment that fishermen manage to accumulate, there is one accessory that most of us would agree is indispensable. Whether you make weekend jaunts to the distant canyons or prefer to spend your nights standing hip deep in a foaming surf, a good pair of pliers is tough to do without.

Now for the first time, there is available a pair of fisherman's pliers that is "guaranteed 100 percent rustproof in a saltwater environment." As anyone who has spent much time on the briny knows, that's a pretty bold statement to make. The item in question is the G-96 Sportsman's Tool II, manufactured by Jet-Aer Corporation of Paterson, New Jersey. Jet-Aer further claims this tool to be the "world's finest parallel jaw fishing pliers." Now, any time people start laying claim to the best in the world, I immediately become suspicious.

I received a prototype of the Sportsman's Tool II from Bruce Newmark, at Jet-Aer, early last season in return for a field test report. With the pliers came orders of not to wash or lubricate them under any circumstances. "Good luck" I thought to myself as I stuffed the tool into a still soggy surf bag. Well over a year later, often repeated dunkings in the salt chuck and numerous visits into the mouths of blues and bass to retrieve misplaced trebles, the pliers show no sign of rust or corrosion. In fact, only recently

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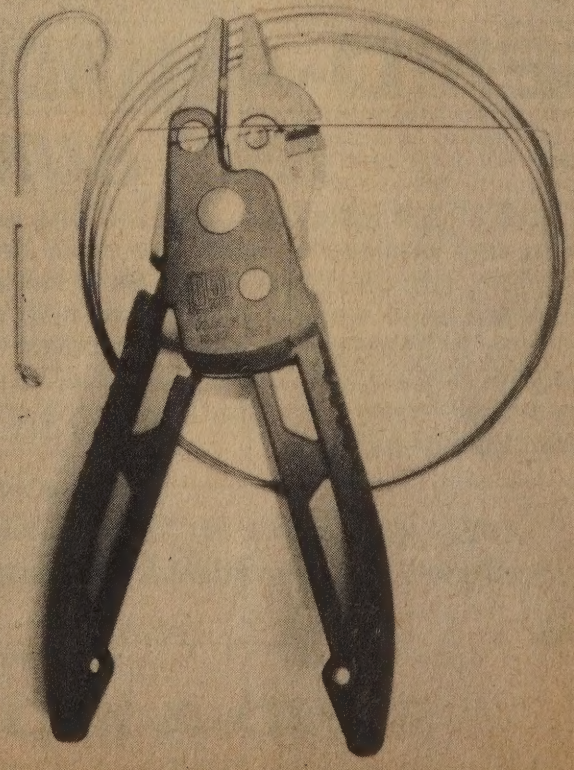

have they become a little "stiff" in opening and closing and this can be attributed solely to an accumulation of dried blood, slime and salt encrusted sand. Maybe now I'll be able to treat these pliers with the respect due them.

As for their claim of being "the best fishing pliers in the world," there are a lot of good reasons not to disagree.

Among the Sportsman's Tool's most notable features is its light weight. This is due to composite handles of glass and graphite which provide plenty of length for gripping and leverage. They also feature non-slip finger grooves to help combat wet and slimy hands.

The pliers' large jaws provide a firm grip and are heat treated of rustproof 440C steel for extra strength. An "investment casting process" is used to produce and align the jaws to an engineered tolerance of .0005.

Anglers who spend a lot of time working with wire should be particularly impressed with this tool's unique state-of-the-art, carbide cutter. The result is a cutting edge that Jet-Aer claims will last a "lifetime" and will "easily" slice through heavy single strand wire, monel, braided wire and large saltwater hooks.

I had the unfortunate opportunity to test this final claim one day last fall in the midst of a teen-size bluefish blitz. One luckless caster had married a 15 pound chopper via two sets of 3/0 triple X strong trebles: one, on the tail end of the pencil popper, was well embedded in the fish's mouth. The belly hook was equally well set in the gent's arm and Mr. Blue was showing no sympathy as he twisted and thrashed about in the sand. I think I was as relieved as this poor, humbled man when the pliers easily cut through the hook in his arm, separating him from his burden.

These cutting jaws are precision machined and aligned to produce a cutting edge that will work at 100 percent capability along its entire length. One problem I did find with the cutting edge when cutting mono, was that the line would frequently slip off the inside edge of the cutting blade into a small void. As a result, I had to keep some tension on the line to keep it on the cutting edge. This may well have been corrected in the final product as it was a prototype I was using and Jet-Aer was made aware of the problem, albeit a minor one.

The G-96 Sportsman's Tool II spent three years in design and field testing before entering the market this year. As for Jet-Aer's claim to the "finest parallel jaw fishing pliers in the world," I can't find much room for argument. With a retail price tag of about twenty dollars, the Sportsman's Tool II appears to be a great investment for what should be a lifetime of service.

For more information on this product, you can contact Mr. Bruce Newmark, c/o Jet-Aer Corp., 100 Sixth Ave., Paterson, NJ 07524; (201) 278-8300.

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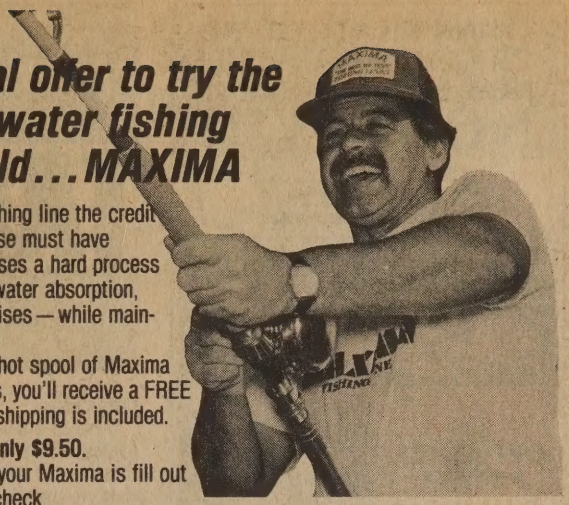

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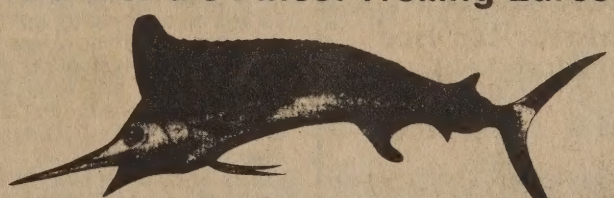

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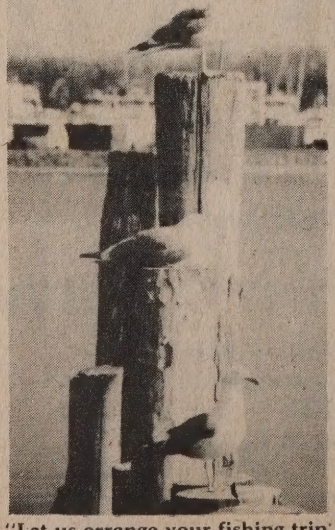
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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I have a spinning reel that no longer locks when I move the lever from no clicker to the clicker side. The fact that it does not give an audible click when I retrieve the line does not bother me too much, but what does cause some problem is the fact that the spool will turn in either direction when I am not holding the reel handle in my hand. Quite often I set the hook and forget about the clicker not working and all I accomplish is to tangle the line when the spool turns backwards because of the pressure exerted by my setting the hook and the fish resisting.

What can I do to resolve this aggravating problem? I would guess most companies have service departments that can fix a broken reel and must also assume there are hundreds of local tackle shops that do reel repairs. What's a good solution?

James Crippen.

Dear Jim,

I'd guess most fishermen have had an anti-reverse rachet go on them at one time or another. It was a common problem with many of the early model spinning mills and some of the conventional reels, although on the conventional the reel spool did not turn in reverse.

You should be able to find a reel repair shop locally. Most of the local shops offer fast repair at reasonable pricing because they want to encourage new business whenever possible.

If you cannot locate a local reel repair shop, I suggest you pack your reel in a cardboard carton and ship it to the manufacturer. I am assuming the reel company is still in business. If not, you may have a problem locating the necessary parts.

If your reel is one of those inexpensive models that was common back in the 60s, I would simply replace it with one of today's more reliable reels. You may spend a little more cash, but in the long run will have a piece of equipment that will last for years and give trouble free service.

We've always had a problem with bail springs breaking at the most inopportune time. That's why we carry a couple of spares in our tackle box. Some parts always seem to break just when the fishing is hot and bail springs fall into that category. We've never had an anti-reverse spoil a fishing trip, but have had many of them give up the ghost when fighting a fish. It is not too complicated to change an anti-reverse dog, but if you are not mechanically inclined, I think yo should leave the repair work to someone who is qualified.

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have been reading The Fisherman for a few years and have found a great deal of pleasure and knowledge from the younger fishermen, not always agreeing with them, but that no doubt is due to the fact that at 77 years of age, I've been fishing for many years, long before the new gear that we enjoy today.

In your April 28th issue you printed a letter written to you by a Mr. Lester Davis, asking about agate guides to replace the broken or worn ones on his dad's surf rod. You replied they were more trouble 30 years ago than they were worth. You also said that most of today's oxide guides are less expensive and probably last longer. You are probably right.

Mr. David asked where he could buy agate guides. I also would like to obtain these guides to replace the many bamboo poles that I have rehabilitated—old but good poles, and the guides that are still on them are in perfect shape.

My question is where can I buy them? They are still made somewhere. Perhaps you could send the word to your older readers such as I. They could have a few discards in their "junk" boxes, as we all are savers. Sometimes we save too much, never to be used, but too good to discard. Or perhaps you could run a want ad in one of your future issues and bill me for same.

Please do not throw this letter in the round file, as one day you may be looking for an article, such as Mr. Davis and I are.

Thank you for any consideration you may extend. I hope to hear from you.

John D. Cooke, Jr.

Dear John,

I, too, have many old surf and boat rods that were my father's and most of them have those agate guides. Some are chipped and others no longer have the agate insert. So, I do

know how you feel since I also would like to refinish some of those old rods and to eventually pass them along to my children.

Unfortunately, after making calls to several rod builders and a number of personal friends who do custom rod building on a limited basis, I could not locate any source of agate guides presently being produced for the commercial market.

Doug Rusch at Sportsmen's Outfitters suggests you check out some of the out-of-the-way tackle shops as they may still have some of the agates lying around in stock rooms or basements. I'd have to agree with Rusch that any product no longer being produced by any of the major companies will certainly be hard to obtain through any of the regular channels.

I did locate a couple of old rods which still have serviceable agate guides by touring some of the garage sales which are normally advertised in the classified sections of the local newspapers. In fact, we even managed to purchase some old tackle at very reasonable prices at two of the sales we found listed in our local newspaper.

Incidentally, we do not discard any letters from our subscribers. We attempt to solve problems when possible, but if we can't find the solution we do at least respond so no one feels ignored.

In this instance, I am sorry that I can't offer an easy solution for it would help many fishermen who collect or restore old fishing rods, yours truly included.

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Dear Doc,

I have a small problem and hope you might help me. I cannot find the *Garcia Corp* mailing address.

They have moved from Teaneck, NJ. I sent two reels for repair and they came back postmarked "undeliverable as addressed."

Even my local tackle shops cannot help locate the Garcia Corp. and if you could send me the correct address, I'd be most appreciative. Thanks in advance. *Tom Lyons.*

Dear Tom,

The Garcia Corp. moved their corporate headquarters from Teaneck, NJ, to Fairfield, NJ quite sometime ago. They are still operating a complete service center and sales offices from the new location at: Garcia Corp., 21 Law Drive, Fairfield, NJ 07006.

If you send your reels to that address you should get the needed service.

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Editor's Note: *This is about the fifth letter we've received asking where the Garcia Corporation headquarters is located. Hope this helps other Fisherman subscribers who are unaware that Garcia is now at a new location.*

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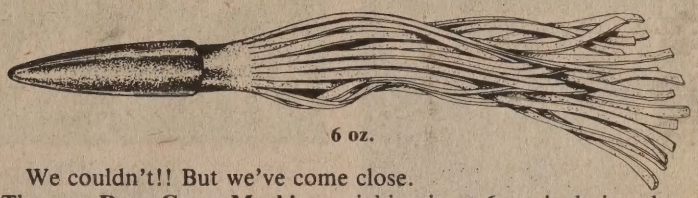

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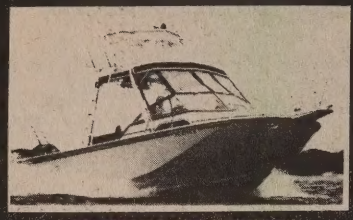

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by Capt. Bud White

While many European countries have been eating shark for generations, these "denizens of the deep" have only recently become popular table fare on this side of the ocean. More and more anglers are discovering that shark, when properly cared for, compares to the best in seafoods. Fish should be gutted and cleaned right away and place in a cooler with plenty of ice. When not properly cared for, shark will spoil quickly and give off a very unappetizing ammonia-like odor.

The following recipes should provide you with plenty of good eating this summer. An added benefit is that shark meat is almost entirely cholesterol free and contains less than 100 calories per serving.

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PILGRIM'S SHARK

1½-2 lbs. shark fillets
2 tbs. butter
1 cup milk
2 tbs. Sherry
Grated cheese—mix of Swiss and cheddar
2 tbs. flour
1 egg yolk
salt & pepper, to taste
Tomato slices, as needed to cover

Poach fillets until just barely cooked, then place in a buttered baking dish. Melt butter in saucepan; stir in flour. Mix together the milk, egg yolk, and sherry; stir into butter mix. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce is thickened. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour sauce over fillets and top with tomato slices. Sprinkle gated cheese on tomato. Bake at 350 degrees until tomato slices are hot and cheese is melted, approximately 12-15 minutes.

SHARK STACY

1 lb. shark fillets, poached and crumbled
2 cups cooked rice
1/2 cup chopped onions
1 can (10½ oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1¼ cups shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup milk
Salt & pepper, to taste
1 tbs. parsley flakes

Combine all ingredients except 1/2 cup cheddar cheese; mix well. Spoon this mixture into buttered baking dish; sprinkle with shredded cheddar cheese. Bake at 350 degree for 20 to 25 minutes.

LOUISIANA SHARK

1 lb. shark fillets, cut into small cubes
2 tbs. minced onion
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup flour
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. chili powder
2 cups half and half
2 tbs. minced parsley
1/3 cup tomato sauce

Heat oil, add onion and cook until tender. Add shark cubes and saute for 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in flour, salt, chili powder and parsley flakes. Add half and half gradually, stirring constantly. Add tomato sauce and heat thoroughly. Serve over hot rice.

LIONEL'S SHARK

1½-2 lbs. shark fillets
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tsp. salt
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
4 tbs. vegetable oil
4 tbs. butter
1/3 cup yellow cornmeal
1/3 cup flour

Combine lemon juice, salt and garlic in a shallow baking dish. Cut fillets into service size pieces and add to garlic mixture, coating well on both sides. Cover dish and refrigerate for 30 minutes, turning at least once. In a bowl, mix together the flour and cornmeal. Remove shark pieces from marinade and coat with cornmeal mix. In a skillet, melt butter and add oil; heat until hot but not smoking. Saute shark pieces until lightly browned on both sides.

CIDER SHARK

1½ lbs. shark fillets
1/2 cup apple cider
1/2 cup apple cider
1/2 cup water
4 tbs. butter
3 tbs. flour
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 tbs. parsley flakes

Put cider and water in skillet and bring to a slow boil. Place fillets in skillet and poach until done; about 10-12 minutes, depending on thickness of fillets. Remove fillets to casserole dish and keep warm. In a saucepan, melt butter, stir in flour

and mix well. Gradually add the poaching liquid (1/2 cup) and stir until smooth and slightly thickened. Slowly add the cream. Add parsley flakes. Cook until hot, stirring constantly. Pour hot sauce over fillets. Put under broiler until sauce is lightly browned in spots.

GREAT BAY CASSEROLE

1½ lbs. shark fillets, cut into serving size pieces
1 can (10½ oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 large onion, thinly sliced
2/3 cup light cream
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/8 tsp. garlic powder
2 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup fresh buttered bread crumbs

Place fillets in buttered casserole and spread onions on top. In a bowl, blend soup, cream, salt, pepper and garlic powder; spoon this mixture over the onions. Mix the bread crumbs with the Parmesan cheese and sprinkle over soup sauce. Bake at 350 degree for 25-30 minutes.

WINSON SHARK

1 lb. poached shark fillets, broken into small pieces
4 hard cooked eggs, finely chopped
1 can (10½ oz.) condensed cream of shrimp soup
1 tbs. butter
1/2 cup cream
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. paprika
1 tbs. flour
1 tbs. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
Fresh buttered bread crumbs, as needed

Melt butter in saucepan and blend in flour. Add soup gradually and mix well. Stirring constantly, add cream, paprika, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Cook until hot. Remove from heat; stir in crumbs, shark and chopped eggs. Spoon this mixture into baking dish or individual casseroles; top with buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned on top.

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1 lb. shark fillets, cut into 1½ inch pieces
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 lb. mushrooms, sliced
3 cups tomato sauce
1/4 tsp. oregano
1/4 tsp. basil
salt, to taste
Hot cooked spaghetti, as needed
Grated Parmesan cheese, as needed

In a saucepan, heat oil and saute onions, garlic, and mushrooms for 5 minutes. Add shark pieces, tomato sauce, oregano and basil; simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt, if needed. Ladle shark mixture over spaghetti and sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top.

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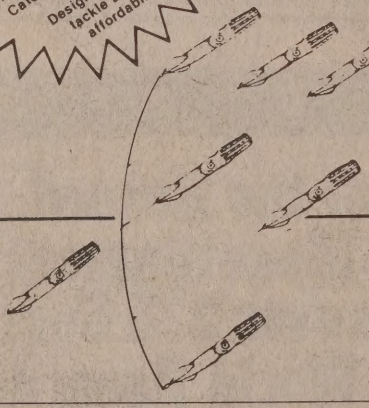

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STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

by Al Ristori

East Coast big game fans are benefiting from years of trial and error by their West Coast brethren.

It all started far from our shores, but local big game anglers are now the beneficiaries of a great deal of trial and error by West Coast long range anglers. As a result, more of us will be fighting big fish standing up and enjoying it—while also saving our backs!

Though anglers in southern California have relatively few large fish to tangle with from party boats, a very specialized form of party boat fishing has evolved over the years. Boats with comfortable accommodations, great fuel capacity and huge fish holds make long range trips lasting as long as 23 days in order to fish remote areas off Baja California or far out in the Pacific (such as Clipperton Island) and find the type of fishing which just isn't available closer to shore.

Anglers aboard these boats often catch great numbers of big wahoo, and even such exotic party boat species as dolphin and striped marlin. However, the big attraction on these long range trips is the opportunity to tangle with the biggest yellowfin tuna in the world: fish ranging up to almost 400 pounds. If you don't think that's a challenge from a party boat, then you'll have to try it yourself!

In order to catch large yellowfins standing up and in a sporting manner, it was necessary to develop specialized tackle. The anglers fishing on these boats quickly discovered that standard big game rods wouldn't do the job, as they provided the leverage advantage to the fish. The fisherman was soon worn out and suffering from a sore back while the tuna remained fresh.

Obviously, a different approach was required. Experimentation over a period of time led to the development of stand-up big game rods, called "Strokers" by the original manufacturer, that look very curious by East Coast standards. Most are a mere 5½ feet long and appear to be very light. In reality, only the tips are light; the rest of the blank being virtually unbreakable. The key to this arrangement is the change in leverage. The light tip fights the fish while the bend of the rod is close to the angler's hand stretched out on a long foregrip.

Does this make a difference? You'll never believe how much of a difference it makes until you try it yourself. It's no great problem to stand up and fight a big fish when it's far away from the boat. However, when that angle changes and the fight becomes basically "up and down," it's a completely different ball game. That's when the back goes and the angler poops out with standard big game tackle. The mere weight of the tackle often helps defeat the fisherman, and he isn't able to apply the pressure which the gear is capable of in any case.

If you don't believe this, just take an 80 lb. trolling rod and have someone pull down on it from the tip as you try to stand up with it. Then try the same thing with one of the West Coast 5½ foot stand-up models. The difference will be immediately apparent.

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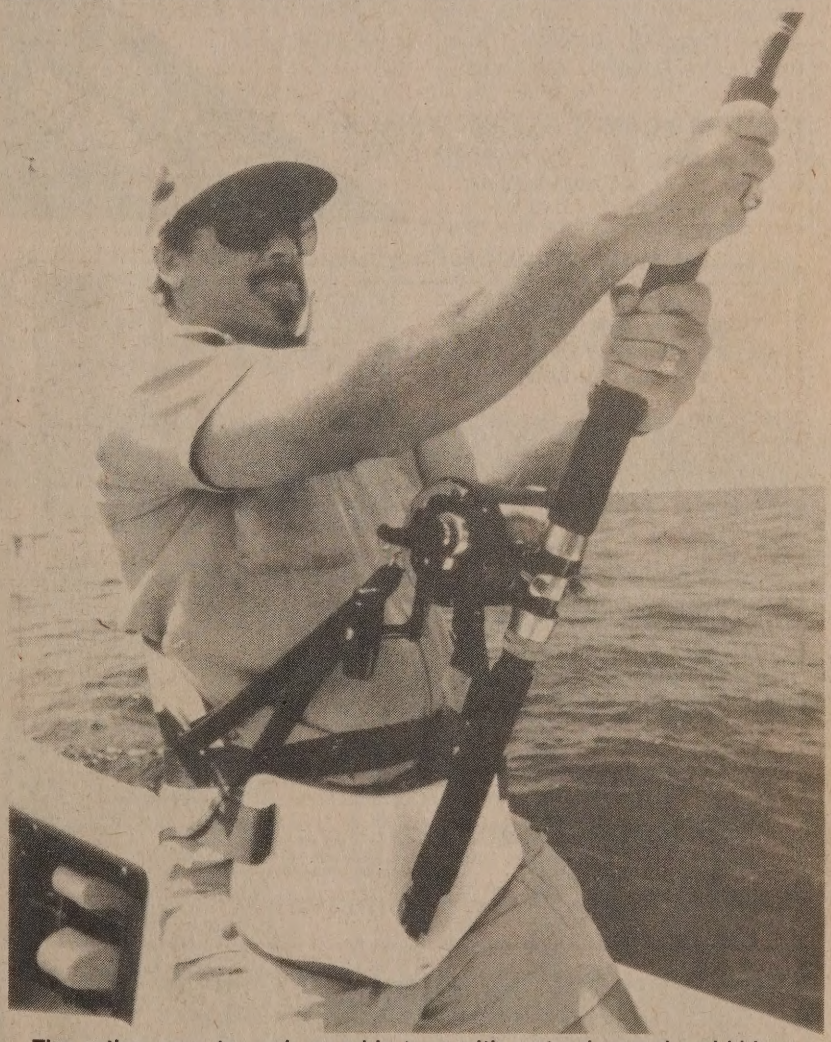

The author goes to work on a big tuna with a stand up rod and kidney harness.

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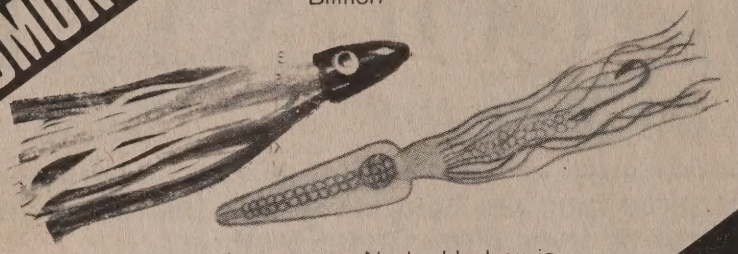

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ing a secret for many years, the truth of the matter is that I just became a convert to this system last year after years of beating myself into the dock with big fish. Being a small boat fisherman, it's usually been necessary for me to fight fish standing up—and that's the only way I really enjoy fighting most big game fish. To be sure, I sit down on giant tuna; and I even sit with standard 80 pound tackle on anything because the weight of the gear works against me. However, there's a world of difference in sport and sense of accomplishment between catching a fish standing up and merely cranking him in from a chair. Just about anyone can crank in a fish on heavy tackle while sitting in a chair, especially with help from the boat. On the other hand, catching the same fish standing up is a real accomplishment.

However, that sense of accomplishment isn't diminished by using tackle suited to the sport. I did the "macho" bit for years with standard big game rods, but learned my lesson last year. Especially now that the grey hairs are starting to show in the beard, I expect to be able to keep on fighting big fish standing up for many years to come by outfitting myself correctly.

The West Coast stand-up big game rods were developed by Sabre, a California company with almost 40 years in the rod business and a long-standing dominance of the Southern California saltwater market—particularly in terms of blanks to big game specialty shops. However, Sabre stayed within their area until Bronx native John Marcone took it over. West Coast anglers transplanted to the East had created localized demand for these blanks, and Hillyer's in Groton, Connecticut has done a thriving business with them after becoming aware of the Strokers through Sub Base personnel. Yet, it was only last fall that actual distribution started in the East.

Though this market has been too limited to attract much attention from the large rod companies, there are some models based on the same premise from such companies as Fenwick and Lamiglas. Contender is another small West Coast firm that produces these specialized rods.

Fenwick offers the stand-up option in their Pacificstiks line. Included in the line are three models suited to stand-up work. Their ST785 is 6' 6" in length and rated for 30 to 80 lb. lines. Model ST849 is 7' and rated for 30 to 100 lb. line. The only 5' 6" model available from Fenwick is the ST1655 designed for use with 30 to 80 lb. lines.

In Sabre's line there's a wide range of Strokers for various types of fishing. The featured Custom Tuna rods come in 40-100 and 50-130 versions, and with either silicon carbide or Aftco roller guides. The wide ranges in line tests are due to the combination of light tip with powerful butt. I prefer to use 80 lb. line on a 50W lever drag

or a star drag 9/0 with the 6455 (50-130 lb.) model. From reading the West Coast sport fishing publications, it appears that most of the long range pros use the Penn International 50W with this rod for those giant yellowfins. A 30 or 50 lever drag (or 6/0 star drag) with 50 lb. line goes well with the 40-100 (formerly labeled 30-80 lb.) 655.

Those Custom Tuna Strokers retail for about $200, but there are less expensive Stroker selections for school tuna and sharks in the Californian and Gra-Fast Silver lines. The former is the largest group of rods in the Sabre line and includes the 50-100 pound 6590C and 30-80 pound 6570C with stainless steel guides and a carb ide tip that sell for less than half that price. A bit more expensive is the 6570 AR which is a 30-80 with Aftco roller stripper and tip. The S-glass Californian line also includes Strokers from 5½ to 7 feet in 20-50 lb. versions, plus 6 and 6½ footers in 30-80. The similar Sabre Lite series with aluminum oxide guides includes 20-50 pound Strokers from 5½ to 7 feet, while the Gra-Fast Silver (graphite butt for extra lifting power with an S-glass tip) includes the 5½ foot GXS 6570C 30-80 pound and the 6 foot GXS 6620AR (roller stripper and tip) 30-80 at slightly higher prices. Like all Sabre rods, these carry a lifetime warranty.

Anglers interested in building their own rods can look for the 6544 XXH to make the Custom 50-130 and the 655 XH for the Custom 40-100. The S-glass 50-100 is the SG-655-XXH, while the S-glass 30-80 is the SG-655-H and the 20-50 is SG-655. These are all 5½ foot blanks, but Stroker blanks of 6 to 7 feet are available in all but the heaviest size. On the West Coast, the specialty shops actually tailor the blank to the individual customers, making finished rods that are a few inches shorter or longer to suit the angler's height and reach.

Those West Coast pros have even come up with better ways of equipping themselves to fight standing up. The shoulder harness that we've been using for so long just doesn't cut the mustard. It creates a pull on your upper body that tires you out. Much more practical is a stand-up kidney harness, which puts the pressure low on your back and enables you to stand up comfortably on a big fish while still exerting maximum pressure with leg and back muscles. Dennis Braid, a transplanted Australian, recently devised a very practical stand-up kidney belt that "breathes" and is durable. Braid also has his Manta molded fighting belt that is designed to spread any load over a wide area, and features a unique V-shaped guide that allows the angler to slip the rod into the holder without looking.

The combination of these new fighting accessories with Sabre Custom Tuna rods were proven on a recent trip to Club Pacifico de Panama with black marlin and sharks. It took me less than 15 minutes to whip a 280½ pound black marlin on the 6455 with a Shimano Triton 50W—and our group caught three other black marlin on the same rods. However, it's with tuna and sharks that are fighting right under the boat where this gear will really make the difference.

All of the foregoing doesn't imply that standard big game tackle is no longer practical. Quite the contrary. The point is that the ideal rod for stand-up fishing is quite different from what you want for chair fishing. The stand-up rod changes the leverage in your favor, but you may be at a disadvantage when you sit down due to the short and "soft" tip. If you're going to do all your fighting out of a chair, then the longer, stiffer tip of a standard rod provides clearance and a better stroke. However, when you consider multiple hook-ups in the canyons and only one chair to sit in—or the fact that all school tuna and almost all sharks are really stand-up fish if the tackle isn't too heavy for the angler—then you can understand why the Stroker concept is bound to revolutionize East Coast offshore fishing.

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CG 7806	6'6"	—	1	130	—	—
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CG 7502	7'0"	M	1	12-20	1-2½	16.1
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CG 7504	6'6"	XH	1	30-50	1½-4	16.6
CG 7505	6'6"	MH	1	15-25	1-3	15.2
CG 7506	7'0"	MH	1	15-25	1-3	16.1
CG 7508	7'0"	H	1	20-35	1-3½	16.5
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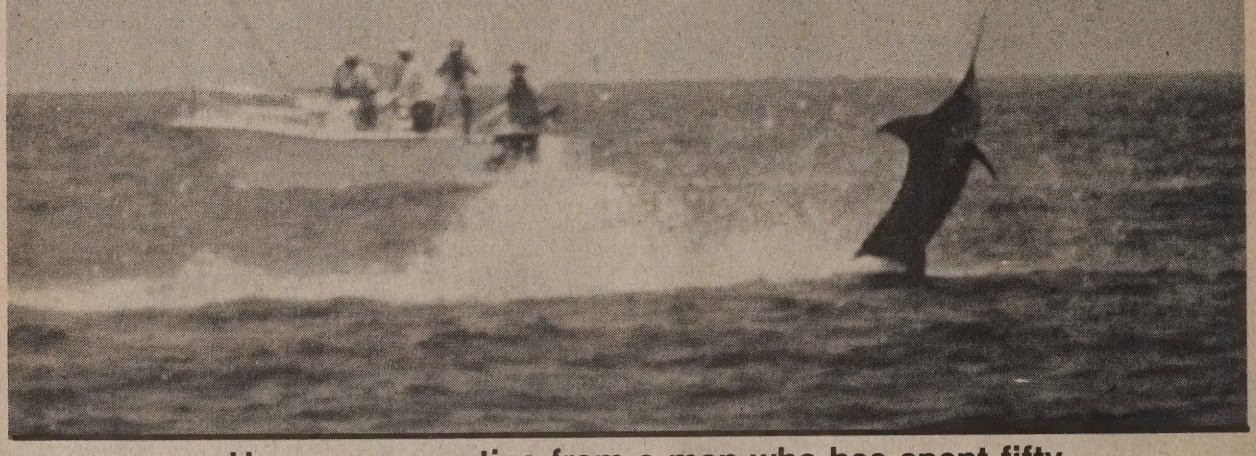
TIPS FROM A MARLIN MASTER

by Lou Truppi



Here are some tips from a man who has spent fifty years chasing the most highly prized of all game fish.

Captain George Seaman's fishing experience spans some 50 years. During this tenure, more than 40 of those years were spent in the pursuit of his favorite billfish: the marlin.

Captain Seaman, many of you may recall, captained the full series of Mitchell sport fishing boats fostered by the Garcia Tackle Company. His latest boat, the "Mitchell III," is a rather imposing 53 foot custom built Badillo.

Currently, Captain Seaman actively charters out of such exotic ports as Cozumel, Mexico and Key West, Florida during the winter months, returning to Montauk Point, New York for the summer season. He formerly wintered in the Bahamas for some 20 years pursuing his favorite species, the blue marlin.

One can quickly realize the vast experience and methods a man of his caliber can possess. When it comes to marlin angling, Capt. Seaman has some 500 to his credit, so I'm sure we can certainly all benefit from his knowledge in many areas.

Most of us are aware that the two dominant species of marlin available to fishermen who ply our offshore waters are the white and blue marlin. Captain Seaman believes that two distinct methods exist when trolling for these fish. One system employs the use of lures, while the other encompasses rigged baits.

He further emphasized that it has been his distinct observation that the marlin which swim our waters are generally loners. These fish will remain on the move more so than the southern species. Water temperature, bait and depth all can play important roles when looking for these billfish.

He feels more white marlin frequent our waters simply due to the fact that our water temperatures are more to their liking. Our local catches bear out this fact.

This leads us to a strong point Captain Seaman makes. He summarizes that by the same token, most of us use baits or lures better designed for whites rather than the blues. Incidental catches of big blues during the previous two seasons further lead him to believe that if more anglers change their methods of trolling, more blues would be raised.

Here are some of his suggestions. If you like to fish baits, then procure the larger size for rigging. Finger mullet, eels and ballyhoo are fine for white marlin, while big mullet is better suited to the blue marlin. Horse ballyhoo and small Spanish mackerel imported from Florida, make great skipping baits. He further advised to make sure the bait is in good condition. He often uses a mild solution of formaldehyde to toughen up his skipping baits for higher speed trolling.

Baits are best rigged and trolled using #12 or #14 piano wire. A 10 foot length of leader is ample for most situations. Some anglers prefer a 15 foot leader in case the fish tail wraps or makes contact with the leader. He prefers the shorter leader as long as the main line is doubled and at least 80 lb. test. He also cautions that under certain conditions a weighted swimming bait that travels slightly under the surface will secure strikes when standard methods come up blank.

Along with your baits should be included a pair of teasers. For those of you unfamiliar with what teasers are, let me quickly explain.

Generally, a teaser is an outsized lure that kicks up a massive surface commotion to hopefully lead game fish into your trolled baits.

Captain Seaman's favorite teasers remain a series of squid called a "daisy chain." He was probably one of the teaser inventors since he assembled the first chain from a live squid back in 1937. Today, like many other anglers, he opts for the plastic

imitation squids when assembling a teaser rig. He prefers the natural colors, 10 inches long. The squid are clipped together via a series of one foot leaders. Once finished, the teaser contains 7 to 10 squid.

Baits are often skirted with the color of the closest teaser. This, he feels, adds to a charging marlin's belief that he's about to catch a school of fleeing baitfish. He's tried all systems, but now tries to match his colors on given sides of the trolling pattern.

On the lure front, he likes many of the new plastics. He strongly favors the mid-speed straight running lures for most marlin fishing. The Kona style heads have never really proven effective for him. His most recent blue marlin catches at Key West, Cozumel and Montauk have all been on either the jet lures or the blunt-faced straight runners. At proper trolling speeds, the lure should not make radical side to side movements, but should wiggle slightly while maintaining a straightforward motion. This style of lure is best run on the front of the wave just before the curl. He cautions that when lure fishing for marlin, the lure should be run outside the white water.

For skirt material he likes the very soft octopus style with painted eyes. The other body material he favors is the hard plastic that resembles the same type of braided material from which lounge chair webbing is derived.

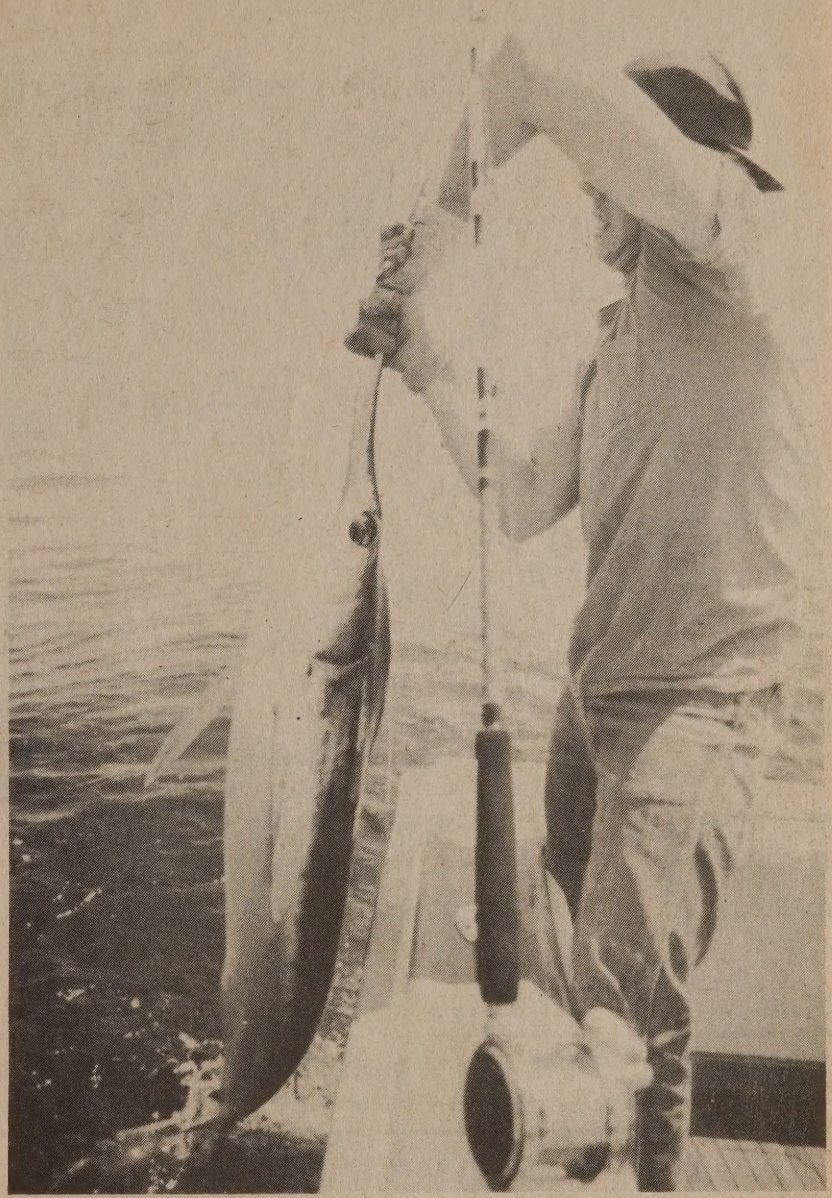
Lure color is optional. He prefers to run a dark pattern on one side of the boat, with a light mix on the other.

A good blue marlin lure pattern varies somewhat as opposed to one for white marlin. Although he concedes both have been known to crash close run lures on occasion, his most consistent catches have been registered at 80 to 150 feet astern.

Lure speed, he related, varies from boat to boat. Sea conditions also greatly affect style and where the lures will be placed in the day's pattern. One rule of thumb that has worked for him over the years, is to use lures that throw plenty of white water. Running distances astern are also mandated by water conditions. On foul weather days, he opts for a heavier lure run tight to the transom. On calm days, longer lines and more active lures fill the bill.

If a lure trolled in one specific area continues to raise fish, take note of what stern wave it was riding on when the hit occurred. Then, mark the line so you can drop that line back to the same spot. Different lures will work and catch far better at certain positions in your trolling pattern. Pay close attention, take notes. By keeping track of details you can evaluate your trolling success under a myriad of conditions.

He further emphasized, if possible, to troll into the sun to force that fish to strike with the sun in his eyes rather than yours. Troll between the waves whenever possible. On rough days most marlin will swim with the sea, so troll accordingly.



This "white" is about to be released. Many of today's offshore anglers feel these fish are too valuable to kill.

A word about hooks. Keep them razor sharp and always use the size that matches most closely with the size lure or bait you're trolling. Remember, if the point is dull or hidden in the bait, you'll lose 90 percent of your marlin.

One final note Captain Seaman offered. Many anglers, including himself, are guilty of running past potential marlin hotspots. When running offshore, be alert for marlin basking in the sun. Man-o-war and birds often hang over solitary, big fish, so be vigilant.

Marlin are notorious for traveling in warm water eddies. These fingers of warm water can be found well inshore of the canyon. Watch your surface temperature gauge and if you enter a specific fathom curve, let's say the 50 fathom curve, and a noticeable increase in water temperature is monitored, there is a good possibility for billfish action. He has caught many a marlin from our northern waters by fishing these warm eddies. In the early part of the season, these warm eddies will attract a multitude of game fish, while surrounding cold water remains void.

In summarizing, he reveals there are really very few true secrets to catching marlin. The angler who actively seeks marlin must do just that—fish for marlin. He must adopt and develop techniques which will work for him. Coupled with suitable lure choices and learning to recognize potential marlin waters will help make you a "marlin master."

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

by Pete Barrett

Offshore anglers have discovered a way to make valuable use of the hours between sunset and sunrise.

Outriggers were lowered into trolling position, rods placed in the holders and lures snapped to the ends of double lines. We prepared tackle by feel alone. There was no light except for the eerie glow of "fire" in the water as blobs of fluorescent plankton exploded as they swirled in the prop wash and tumbled in the wake.

The damp air was cool on this late August night and numbed fingers worked with a dull touch. Rich pulled a small plastic tube out of his pocket and bent it to crack the chemical action into life. The tube glowed a bright greenish yellow.

The tube slid snugly into the hole drilled into the back of the head of the skirted trolling lure, a small toothpick pushed alongside of the miniature cyalume stick held it firmly in place.

As the lure dropped into the water, it looked like a neon light, the sparkle tape inside the head reflecting the glow in a hundred directions and making the light vibrate as the lure began to work in the water.

Ten feet, twenty feet, thirty feet—then a huge splash, more heard than seen. The line ripped from Rich's hand as a tuna smashed the lure. "Fish on!" he yelled. 'I didn't even get the double line into the clip. It took the lure right behind the boat!"

Playing a tuna at night is like no other tuna fishing. You work the fish more by instinct rather than by seeing the fish and then maneuvering the boat to counter its moves. Spreader floods cast light on the deck and the angler, but the fish was lost for now in the inky water.

Finally played out and coming to us, the beaten yellowfin flashed its pretty colors in the harsh light of the floods. The gold band down its side more vibrant in contrast against the night, the yellow finlets appearing to almost glow. Our fishing world was a glaring circle of light only a few yards wide, a tiny droplet in the huge ocean; but the feeling of success easily filled our heads.

"Let's make another pass. There must be more there." The first yellowfin slid into the fish box with a bag of ice poured over him. As he beat his tail, the spreader lights went out, the crew adjusted their night vision and in minutes, the lures were back out. On the next pass we belted two more tuna, then another on the third pass. By then the Eastern sky was pink and the sun was ready to lift into the horizon.

The action occurred near the Texas Tower last year. The night was virtually pitch black. The fish-catching lure was a Murray Brothers "Light N Glow," a skirted lure with a blunt, angled face and pink and blue in color. Since that first nighttime experiment, that same lure took tuna on several other occasions, even getting some interest from a white marlin at daybreak on one occasion.

The attempt at nighttime fishing had been on my mind for more than

two years, but the excitement and haste to get to the canyon and fish the deep, to be there at daybreak and to work known tuna spots with proven methods always got in the way of trying something new and different.

Ed Murray changed that. While visiting his Riviera Beach Tackle Shop after attending the Atlanta AFTMA Tackle Trade Show last summer, Ed showed me a prototype of his new "Lite N Glow" lure. It looked much like any other skirted offshore lure, but then he slipped in the light stick. Even in the bright light of the store the lure glowed like a light bulb. "This is going to be a winner," he said and proceeded to tell me about some experiments done by local swordfishermen at night who had successfully taken broadbills on the lures.

Would they work on tuna? Back home on the very next canyon run, the lures proved they were also dynamite on tuna, as described at the opening of this story.

The miniature light sticks are made by American Cyanamid and are promoted through their office in Wayne, New Jersey. Sold in local tackle shops as Lunker Lights, the tiny cyalume sticks are being used by freshwater anglers to improve nighttime action. Fishermen in other parts of the country tell of catching lake trout, muskies, largemouth bass, pike, coho and chinook salmon, trout and inshore saltwater fish on the Lunker Lights. I plan to use them rigged to mackerel and bluefish fillets for sharking this year.

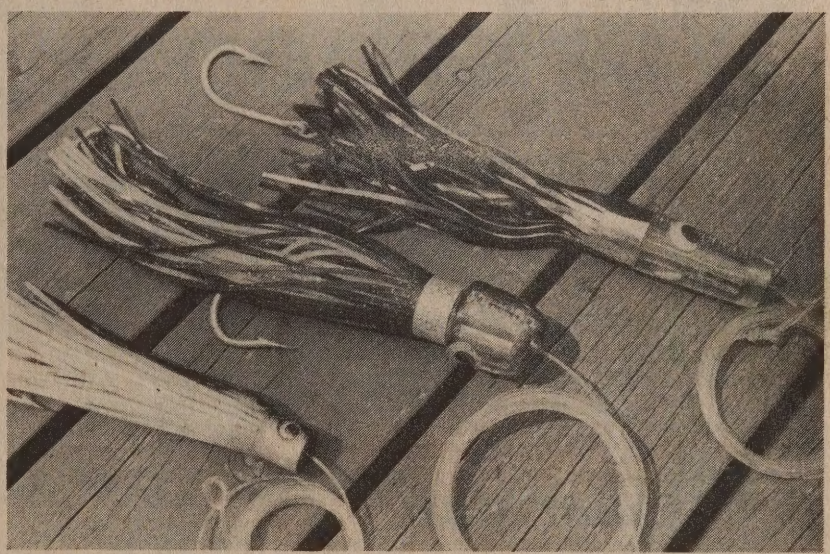
This idea works very well and the potential for nighttime tuna fishing has barely begun to be developed. It's a wide open ball game just waiting for the players to team up.

'Lite N Glow" lures are carried by many local tackle shops that cater to the offshore set and should be readily available. Other manufacturers I've spoken to are enthusiastic about the use of light sticks or other fluorescent materials in lures and we may see several other new "light lure" innovations before this season is over.

You can modify some of your present lures by using clear tape to attach the lure to the leader under the skirt, or by using a short length of rigging wire to wrap around the tube and attach it to a hook eye or directly to the leader. Lunker Lights come packaged with a short length of clear plastic tubing that works fine for mono up to 15 pound test, but a tube with a larger inside diameter is needed for the heavy 200 to 300 pound test mono used for rigging tuna lures. There are many variations that can be used to attach the Lunker Lights ahead of the lures or under the skirt. Your own imagination will figure out how to best add the small sticks to your own lures.

Tuna runners are leaving the docks at midnight to cruise slowly and safely towards the canyons to arrive at the deep water by sunup. We are all probably running right over some very good fishing opportunities by not trolling at night. We've all had times while fishing in the deep and maybe not doing well when we hear on the radio about some other boat fishing 30 miles inshore who is doing a leap job on yellowfins. Those fish could have been ours if we had found them at night.

Holes drilled into the back of the head hold the cyalume sticks, a toothpick pressed into the hole grips the stick firmly so it doesn't fall out.



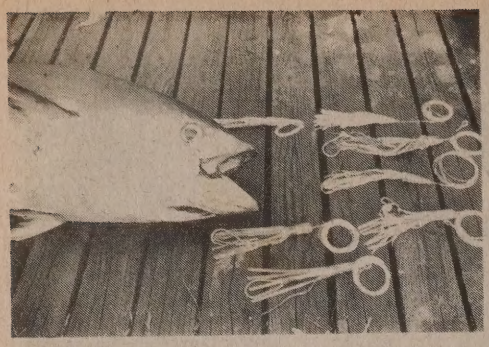
Murray Bros. "Lite 'N Glow" in center comes pre-drilled for light sticks. Other lures like Sevenstrand on top and Mold Craft "Hooker" on the bottom also caught at night by adding the tiny light sticks with tape and/or rigging wire.

While running to the deep, most boats are running at, or near, trolling speeds, so why not troll lures and perhaps fool some tuna, a billfish or albacore before we even arrive at the canyons.

I've also used other lures, minus lights, and they, too, caught fish. Not as many as those with the cyalume sticks, but they did catch. I'm going to try five night lures on this year's trips: three lures with lights, two lures plain. Time will tell how productive we will be.

The idea of fluorescent lures is certainly not new. Bluefishermen have been using diamond jigs dipped in fluorescent paint and with flourescent tube tails for several years. I know a striped bass plug troller who used to place a strip of glow tape down the sides of favorite plugs and then blast the lure with a burst of light from a flashlight to get the glow working. That man had many a bass in his log book that wished it had never been curious about glowing lures.

Naturally, at sunrise the effect of the cyalume stick loses its value, but on a hazy day the lure will still throw off its glow and continue to be seductive to tuna. You should see the lure from a tower—it looks like a lit-up dolphin zipping through the water. Glow lures for tuna show a lot of promise. I know they will be in my "bag of tricks" to help tame this year's bout with canyon fever.



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TWENTY FATHOM TUNA

by Russ Wilson

Looking to tangle with tuna, but not ready to make the canyon run? This mid-range fishing has plenty to offer.

Owners of mid-size seagoing craft who yearn for some big game fishing on a budget might be missing out on one of the biggest bargains the North Atlantic has to offer. If you fall into this category and have yet to sample "middle range" tuna fishing, read on.

Everyone knows you need an ocean going cruiser to fish the blue waters. Why else would the average sport fisherman invest his—or her—life's savings to purchase a 30 to 50 foot yacht to use as a fishing platform? Well, nothing could be further from the truth. We've fished the twenty fathom waters for a number of years and it has just been recently that we finally decided to move up a notch or two on the boat size ladder.

Our last boat, a sleek 22 foot outboard which had plenty of power and ample fuel supply carried us to and beyond the twenty fathom line without a hitch. In fact, it was the ideal size boat for the majority of middle range fishing we practiced. Today we own a slightly larger 25 footer which is powered by a pair of 175 hp Mariner outboards. The twin engine installation was our basic reason for moving up in class, but the additional three feet in total length has proven itself useful as well.

We can now travel to the blue waters with a sense of security and know that if one engine should fail, we still have enough power available to bring us home in a reasonable amount of time. It is a delight to operate and in spite of the two large engines, is not too harsh on the pocketbook when we stop at the fuel dock after making a run of maybe 50 or 60 miles and then trolling for several hours before cranking up and heading back to port.

At any rate, boats that fall into the 20 to 25 foot range are ideal for the saltwater angler who wants to fish inshore as well as offshore waters. You can safely negotiate moderately rough seas while still having an economical boat and motor combo, and enjoy the comfort that goes with owning a slightly larger outfit.

We installed a fighting chair at the bow for those occasions when a big tuna happened to smack a bait or lure. The chair is also very handy when fighting a shark that dos not want to quit or when drift fishing for hours and not wanting to stand any longer because of leg muscle strain.

It was a sensible investment and we strongly suggest anyone who is contemplating a new boat purchase to consider having a fighting chair installed at time of purchase.

Outriggers are a must. When trolling for tuna or marlin you want to cover as much water as possible

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We troll as many as seven lures off the 25 footer and find no trouble whatsoever with lines tangling. We do, however, make our turns slightly wider than we did when running only five lines off the 22 foot boat.

Most experienced tuna trollers enjoy a mix of bluefin, yellowfin and skipjack tuna. These fish tend to travel the same waters and generally strike the same type lures or baits. Quite often we have all three species in the fish box after trolling along the twenty fathom line or when fishing slightly further off in thirty fathoms of water.

Another interesting point of this mid-range tuna fishing is the size tuna that are taken. Some days the fish will average only 10 to 20 pounds and at other times, or even on the same trip, you will encounter tuna of 35 to 100 pounds. For this reason alone it pays to carry tackle that is heavy enough to handle a 100 lb. fish but still limber enough to enjoy the fight of a 20 lber.

As a rule we carry four 30 pound class trolling outfits and four 50 pound class setups. If the fish are running small we'll try to utilize the 30s as much as possible and if the average is larger, say 50 to 100, we'll attempt to place the lures rigged on 50 pound outfits in more strategic positions.

Lure positioning is critical to success. Tuna are keen-eyed fish and if anything does not look natural they will ignore it completely. We tend to go with the W pattern which allows us to place a couple of lures well back in the wake, a couple of others at a slightly shorter distance and one lure between these two. Two flat lines are fished on the first wake and surprisingly, it is these lures which often contribute the most hits.

Some experienced tuna trollers will place their lures so they ride in back of the wake, while others find it pays to position each lure so it rides the very crest of each wake. We've tried both methods and feel the lures which ride the front of the wake are the most productive. This is based on personal experience, working better for us than any other technique we have tried.

What lures to use? There are literally thousands of trolling lures on the market and most will catch fish. Some work only on occasion; others will bring strikes when the ocean is heaving and others create enough surface commotion that they will produce hits when the ocean is flat calm. You can invest a small fortune in tuna and marlin lures and still not have the pattern or color the fish want on a particular day, and this is true no matter where you troll for big game species.

We normally carry a large selection of colors, styles, sizes and weights. The time honored cedar plug is still a

very productive offering for mid-size bluefin and yellowfin. Red and white, natural, or mackerel finish are proven colors and the 4 to 6 inch sizes have found many followers among inshore tuna fishermen.

The jet style is another very popular tuna or white marlin lure and anyone who hopes to catch these fish should have several models in various sizes and colors. We have also found the Mold Craft SoftHeads a very productive trolling lure. For us pink is a hot color, but the blues, maroon or black are effective also. Two-tone lures, orange/black, blue/silver, red/white or green/yellow can be very effective also.

There is no doubt the Green Machine deserves a place among tuna and marlin trollers. Its effectiveness cannot be questioned and each season many, many tuna and white marlin are taken on this popular trolling lure.

Being a tad old-fashioned, we continue to favor many of the pre-plastic trolling lures. The feathers are a favorite when working middle range grounds. We would not head offshore without first making sure we had a couple of yellow and green or red and white feathers in the tackle box. Why those two color combinations are so productive remains a mystery, but for years we've had excellent results when trolling these right on the first wake behind the outboards.

During August, skipjack tuna abound throughout the middle range waters. These smaller tuna are fighters of the highest order. We enjoy taking the skippies on lightweight gear and will generally have at least two popping style rods with medium size reels and 15 lb. test line on board. Metal lures such as the Squid Spoon, Spunky or Tony Acetta are absolutely deadly when skippies are feeding near the surface. And, when you hook one of these speed merchants on the light tackle, you can really appreciate their fighting ability.

As a rule you will find tuna traveling in small schools and when one line goes you will generally have two or three others hit simultaneously. That's why it pays to have as many lures in the water as possible. If you have several fishermen on board you can rack up some very impressive scores by taking advantage of the multiple hit; but when you fish alone, or with only one other angler, you can only handle one or two rods and the other hits will usually be missed or the fish will escape while you are fighting another.

Last season we fished just inside the twenty fathom curve and had excellent results. On one trip, I happened to be alone with five lines out. A triple hook-up caught me off-guard and by the time I regained my composure, two fish had wrapped the lines and the third was making its way to the canyon.

I grabbed one rod and let the others go because we have but two hands and can handle only one rod at a time. The fish I fought first weighed about 60 pounds and I did manage to stick it with a gaff and toss it into the fish box. The two remaining fish were still hooked and had taken most of the line from the 6/0 reels before I could grab one of the rods. That second fish, an honest 150 pounder, had wrapped the leader around its tail and was dragging the other fish along with it as it ran off more line. Needless to say, I lost it and the other fish when the two lines parted from the constant abrasion.

As a rule the tuna and marlin usually arrive along the twenty fathom curve by early July and will remain throughout the summer. Some days you will see fish breaking or pushing water all around you and at other times the ocean will appear dead. No matter, the fish are there but they might be moving inshore or offshore and you'll have to do a little searching to locate the schools. Once you find them, however, you can usually count on seeing some action.

We have not tried live bait fishing for at least 10 years but there was a time we could almost count on catching bluefins when live lining a small mackerel or bunker back to fish that we had chummed to the boat. We will do some chumming this year and would bet it will produce as it did in the past. One of the best features of chumming is the ability to use light tackle. Those 10 to 60 lb. bluefins can rip off a tremendous amount of line before you can get it under control. We've had 50 pounders tear most of the line off a Penn 3/0 before we had time to blink an eye!

Last season we carried chum with us on one occasion but did not have any live bait. We substituted smelt, butterfish and fresh caught spearing but didn't catch a single tuna. The bluefish somehow found us and since they were those big 15 lb. plus slammers, we could not resist the challenge.

If you plan to try chumming stick to the structure. Dropoffs, even if the bottom is 120 below and the dropoff only a slight depression or rise, will normally be the most productive areas. The tuna will not be near the bottom but for reasons known only to tuna, they will inhabit this type of offshore structure when on the feed.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) charts show the bottom contour and by using Loran numbers to get a position fix you can pinpoint the spots you feel will produce the best fishing opportunities. By following the twenty fathom curve, you will notice these breaks in the bottom and often that's where the fish will be found.

Between now and the end of September, some exciting tuna fishing will take place along the "Curve" and if you put in the time you will enjoy your share of the fun while gathering up some outstanding eating fish. School size bluefins, yellowfins and even skipjacks are prime table fare when properly prepared.

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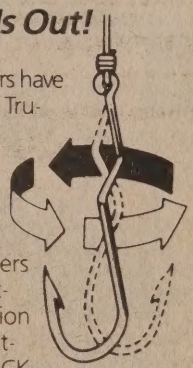

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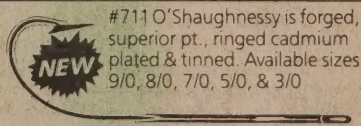

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BETTER THAN THE "REAL THING"

by Eric Burnley

You'll find plenty of support for artificials on the docks of all the major big game ports.

Offshore fishermen have made great progress in the past ten years developing tackle and techniques that improve catch ratios. But in one particular area, some still cling to ideas that are outdated. They steadfastly refuse to fish with lures and continue to drag baits.

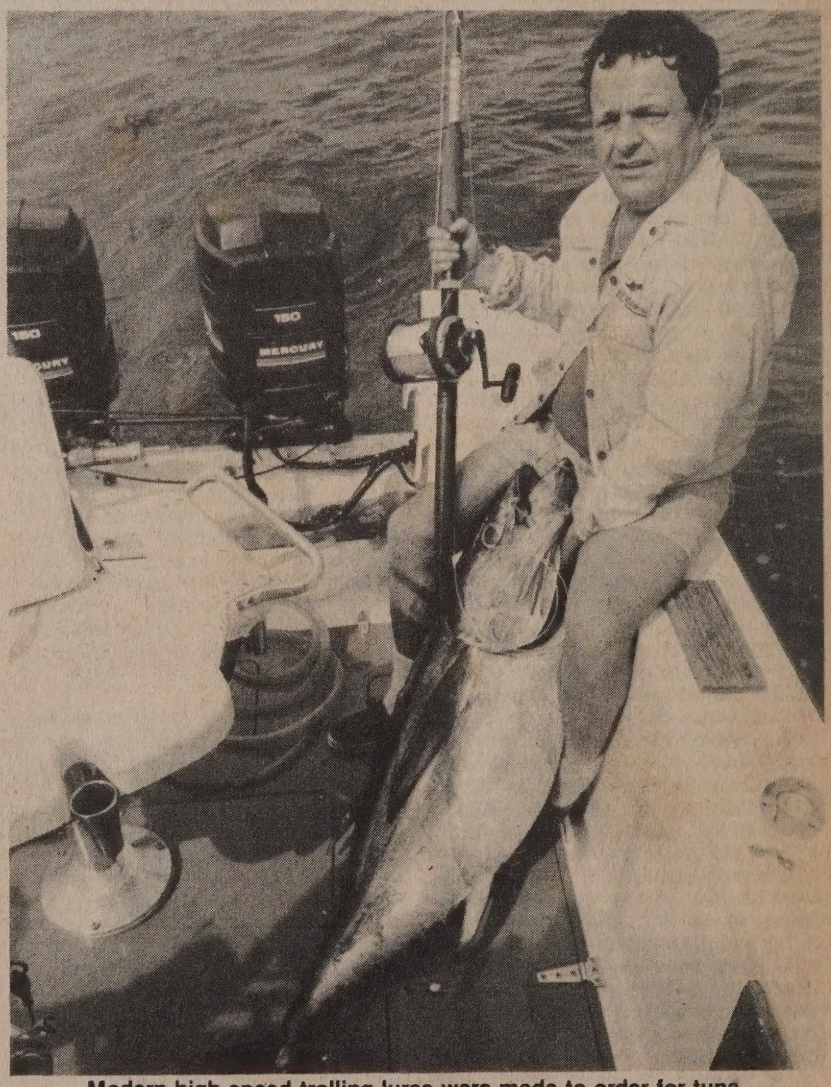
I have been fishing the canyons for over ten years. When I began to run offshore with my brother-in-law, we fished out of his 22 Mako and used all types of bait.

Every Friday night, during the season, we would meet at my camper and rig ballyhoo, mullet, squid, strip baits and eels. The pre-rigged baits were carefully laid out in a cooler using beer boxes to keep them separated. Paul's 22 Mako was a fine boat but it did have a tendency to slap down a little hard every now and then, so by the time we ran full bore to the canyon all those carefully sorted baits were somewhat mixed up. We could usually find four or five rigs to get started with but then we had to resort to the rest.

Then there was the problem of the swimming mullet. We would always rig at least six swimming mullet by taking out the backbone, splitting the tail and tying the mouth closed before putting a sinker under the chin. Sometimes I would rig them, sometimes Paul would rig them, but no matter who did the job we were lucky if two out of the six worked correctly. Some of the mullet would spin, some would not move at all and others ran on their side. To the best of my memory, the only thing we ever caught on one of our mullets was a kamikaze tuna fish. The ballyhoo, squid and eels all worked well, but I didn't have to teach them to swim.

Then came *The Green Machine* and pretty soon all you heard on the VHF were stories of fish going crazy over these lures. Tackle shops couldn't keep them in stock even though a number of lure companies were producing their own version of the green machine.

As more and more lures in various types and shapes became available in our area, the logical progression for offshore fishermen would have been to try these new products. Unfortunately logical thought patterns are not present in some fishermen. One salty sage remarked that he wouldn't use those new lures until he found one in a marlin's belly. According to Frank Johnson, one of his Soft Head lures was found inside a marlin, but I doubt if that would really convince our doubting captain.



Modern high speed trolling lures were made to order for tuna.

If the truth be told, I must admit that I was also a skeptic. After all, tuna and marlin don't eat plastic—they eat meat, so why would they go after some oddball shaped hunk of junk instead of a natural looking bait? The answer is if that oddball hunk of junk is shaped just right and pulled at the proper speed it will be more ap-

pealing to a fish than a whole school of bait.

Fish have a brain and sensory system just like all other animals. The eyes, ears, lateral line, nose and mouth receive signals from the water which are transmitted to the brain and the brain tells the fish how to react. Tuna and marlin are very sensitive to sight and sound. They have very strong lateral lines that detect low frequency sounds from long distances and large eyes that enable them to see and zero in on their target. While their sense of taste and smell is also quite good, it is sight and sound that gets their attention.

Lures produce more sound and are easier to see than baits. If you don't think this is so, try a little experiment the next time you are offshore. Put a lure out alongside a skip bait. Notice how the bait gently slaps the surface leaving a nice litle wake. Then watch the lure as it churns the water to a frothy foam, leaving a long tail of bubbles that a blind fish could follow.

If you are still not convinced, think about this. In all probability it is the sound of the boat moving through the water that first gets the fish's attention. Then he has to sort out the propellers from the baits, home in on the one he wants, and finally strike. It is not until after he hits the bait that he has a chance to taste it. There may be a small amount of odor in the water that could help him find the bait, but compared to the sound and sight of a lure, the scent of a bait is not that important. In other words, a bait and a lure depend on the same attractors to entice a fish to hit and the lure is superior in two out of three. If you think scent is important, you can put some bait or a piece of cloth soaked in fish oil inside many types of lures.

Some fishermen will still refuse to use lures because they don't have confidence in them. They have had years of success with baits and they can't imagine fishing any other way.

I overcame this obstacle by refusing to go offshore with bait on the boat. I reasoned that if I didn't have anything to fish with but lures, I would learn how to use them and when they proved successful I would gain confidence. As is quite often the case, experience proved to be the best teacher and I haven't tied up a bait in three years.

This advice is a little easier for private boaters to take than charter captains. If I come home empty, it's all in a day's fun; but when a charter pays out big bucks, they expect results. I do feel that those captains who take the time to develop lure fishing techniques will find fuller fish boxes and happier clients in the future.

Lures are certainly not new to offshore fishing. They have been in use for years on the West Coast and have just about taken over in the Gulf. I am strongly convinced they will prove their effectiveness on the East Coast where the last of the holdouts for bait fishing remain.

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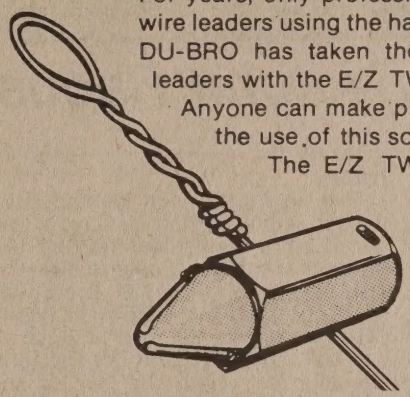

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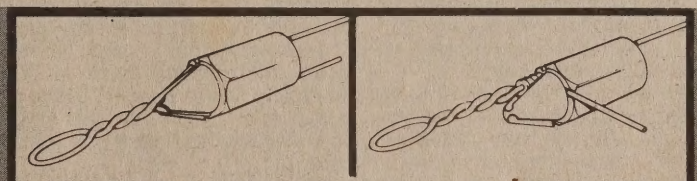

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THE LILLIAN

by John Raguso

Last week we encountered a unique situation in our wreck series when we learned of the history of the Brazilian steamship Cayru, but were uncertain of its positional whereabouts. In contrast, this week's installment is notorious in that we have background information on a wreck that's alleged to be at three different locations! The 238 foot American Bull Line freighter Lillian collided with the 370 foot North German Lloyd Line freighter Wiegand early the evening of February 26, 1939 in a dense fog approximately 14 miles East of Barnegat Light.

The entire crew of the Lillian, Captain Frank Boyer and 31 others were rescued with no loss of life or injuries. The rescue operation went fairly smoothly considering the frenzied state of emergency, and was not without its anxious moments or heroics.

The story starts with the departure of each ship from their last port of call and their unscheduled meeting offshore of the Jersey Coast that fateful February evening in 1939. The Lillian was bound for New York from Puerto Rico, carrying a full load of sugar in her hold. The Wiegand left Pier 5 in Brooklyn at 11AM the day of the collision, and was bound for Moji, Japan with a cargo of scrap iron. That "scrap iron" came back to us two years later in the form of "flying meatballs" over Pearl Harbor, and it was poetic justice that this shipment between Axis partners was somewhat delayed.

The facts as to what actually caused this maritime casualty depend on which captain's story you believe. The undeniable evidence is that there was a heavy fog cover and a light chop on the ocean's surface at 6:53 PM on the evening of February 26th when both ships suddenly popped out of the fog and came into view of one another approximately 100 yards apart and bow on. When Captain Frank Boyer of the Lillian saw the lights of the Wiegand loom out of the heavy mist,. he put his ship's wheel hard over, stopped his engines and then went full astern. Captain Leopold Ranitz, master of the Wiegand, called for full speed ahead when the Lillian came within view, the hope that the Wiegand would swing out of harm's way. Both evasive maneuvers were a classic example of too little, too late.

The Lillian struck the Wiegand at a 33 degree angle on the starboard side. The blow had such a force that the steel plates on that side of the Wiegand were driven through the forecastle and out the port side. As a result of the collision, the Lillian lost a significant portion of her bow and sea water cascaded unabatedly into her inner recesses, causing the ship to settle almost immediately. The Wiegand suffered a twelve foot gash in her bow, but it was above the water line and did not adversely affect the seaworthiness of the 6,568 ton German freighter.

After the crash, the Lillian hailed the Wiegand, giving her identity and asking for the name of the German ship. The captain of the American freighter subsequently conducted a quick damage control analysis and determined that his ship was beyond help and was sinking rapidly. At 7:12PM, the Lillian sent a wireless S.O.S. radio message and then requested the Wiegand to stand by as the crew prepared to abandon ship.

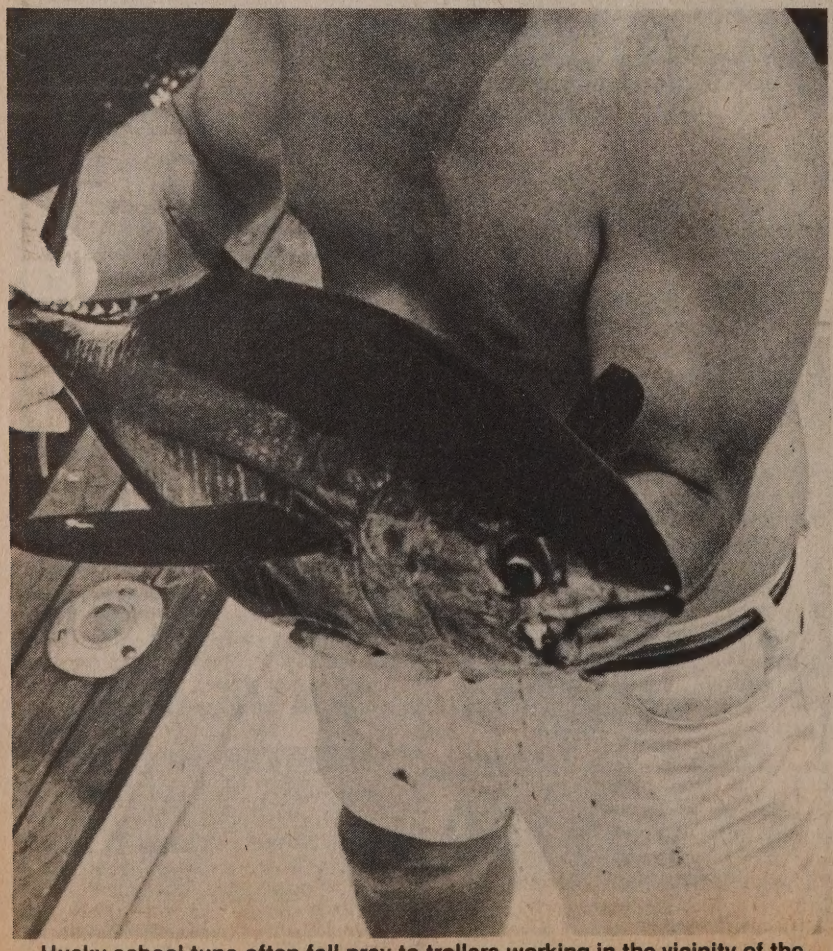
Details of the exchange of radio transmissions between the two ships immediately following the crash were as follows:

Wiegand (7:43PM): "We will point our searchlight into the air. Please tell me if you can see."

Lillian: "Please keep us in sight until we abandon ship."

William Helmbold, the wireless operator of the Bull Line freighter continued.

Lillian: "Skipper says we will stay afloat ten or fifteen minutes more. We are getting ready to abandon ship. So long, and I guess I will get my feet wet."



Husky school tuna often fall prey to trollers working in the vicinity of the Lillian.

The actual abandonment at 8:07PM ended the Lillian's involvement in the wireless conversation. However, the Wiegand, communicating with other ships, continued:

American Steamship Munmotor (8:30PM): "We will be there in about 30 minutes."

Wiegand (8:44PM): "One lifeboat with 17 men rescued. Expecting second boat with rest of crew."

At 9:15PM, a shore station told the Coast Guard that the skipper of the Lillian had said he and his men planned to stay in their lifeboats until their ship went down. This plan was abandoned and the story of the rescue was completed with the following transmission by the German freighter:

Wiegand (9:21PM): "Second boat with rest of crew coming alongside." The information that no further assistance was needed and the timing of the completed rescue occurred at 9:27PM.

Moments after these ships collided, whatever limited visibility was available at the scene was completely shrouded by a heavy blanket of fog. At 7:49PM the Wiegand found it necessary to use her searchlight to locate the Lillian, even though the two freighters were only a few hundred feet apart. As the Lillian launched her lifeboats over the side, the sea conditions were described as choppy but not dangerous. In an effort to guide the crew of the Lillian safely through the dark mist, the Wiegand also sounded her whistle to enable the lifeboats to steer toward her. The first boat, containing 17 men came alongside the German ship and the survivors were taken aboard at about 8:30PM. The second boat, containing the rest of the crew of the Lillian, was picked up at 9:27PM. The reason for the delay in their rescue by the Wiegand was that the Lillian's crew stood by their ship, wanting to be close to it as it slipped beneath the waves. These plans were scrapped as visibility deteriorated, posing the distinct possibility that if the Lillian's survivors didn't board the Wiegand when they had the chance, she could disappear swiftly into the fog banks and they'd drift about in the cold, open ocean all night.

Speaking of heroics, there was a great amount of praise for William Helmbold, the radio operator of the Lillian. He and Captain Boyer were the last to leave the foundering vessel and Helmbold stayed at his post until he was ankle-deep in inrushing sea water, so as to provide the converging rescue vessels with a steady radio beacon for guidance to the collision area. As his last official act before abandoning ship, he locked his key to send a continuous homing signal. Radio listeners thus were enabled to await the expected sinking, when the water would reach the transmitting apparatus and cut off the signal.

But Mother Nature had one more surprise for the crew of the Lillian before she would consign their ship to rest on the ocean's floor for all eternity.

Whereas her crew and those boats taking part in the rescue operations believed that the Lillian's sinking was imminent, the old girl pulled a fast one. At 3AM the next day, over seven hours after the Lillian's crew abandoned ship, thinking she only had 10 to 15 minutes left in her, she was still afloat. Screened from view by the ever-present mist which hung thick and low on the ocean's surface, the ship was described as a menace to navigation in warnings sent out by the Coast Guard, and nearby ships were advised to steer well clear of the area.

The crew of the Coast Guard cutter Campbell tried to put a man aboard the Lillian when they discovered her drifting aimlessly through the fogbank, to silence the continuous whine of the freighter's radio, but failed because of the building seas and limited visibility. The problem was solved slightly after 4AM by shooting off the radio antenna's aerial insulators. This finally cleared the wave length for other calls.

Soon after daybreak, with the sun's ray obscured by a thick mist, the Bull Line freighter Emilia, also bound from Puerto Rico with another sugar cargo in her hold, hove-to near the foundering Lillian. At this point in time the Wiegand started back for the Brooklyn dry docks, surrounded by a convoy of tugs.

Three miles southeast of Scotland Light she was met by the Coast Guard boat Icarus, where the Wiegand transferred Captain Boyer of the Lillian and about half of his crew, since there was a remote possibility that the Lillian might be saved. In addition, The Relief, a salvage ship owned by the Merritt, Chapman and Scott Towing Company, started out at 10AM the morning of February 27th to attempt to salvage the Lillian and tow her back home. By noon, however, the crippled Bull Line freighter was far down in the swells, almost completely awash. Ironically, she went down when The Relief got to within 100 yards, sinking in 24 fathoms of water, approximately 26 miles southeast of Manasquan, New Jersey and about 18½ hours after her collision. The Lillian's final resting place on the ocean floor is also

(Continued on next page.)

THE LILLIAN
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: February 26, 1939
Length: 238 feet
Beam: Unknown
Weight: 3,482 tons
Cargo: Sugar
Construction: Steel
Depth of Water: 144 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 120 feet
Lat/Lon (Main Hull Section): 40-01-30N/73-31-40 W
Loran C (Main Hull Section): 26697.0/43419.4
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roughly 17 nautical miles N/NE of the original collision point, clearly indicating the effects of both wind and tide on a drifting vessel.

The saga of the Lillian and the Wiegand did not end with her sinking. There was a court of inquiry conducted by the Federal Marine Board. Predictably, each captain blamed the other for negligence, excessive speed under low visibility conditions and general imprudent behavior. The Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation ruled that both vessels were traveling at excessive speed through dense fog at the time of the accident, and found both captains to be partially guilty of negligence. Since Captain Leopold Ranitz of the Wiegand was the master of a boat of foreign registry which was involved in a maritime disaster outside of the U.S. territorial seas, he was released after questioning without any disciplinary action. On the other hand, Captain Frank Boyer of the Lillian was ordered to appear at a license review hearing to determine whether his license should be revoked or suspended due to his oversights in the loss of the former Bull Line freighter, valued at $200,000 with her cargo of sugar valued at $300,000.

Even though most wreck charts only list the Lillian's intact hull in their numbers file, I've come across two other positions where part of her skeletal remains are alleged to rest. My theory is that the bow section was sheared off in the crash with the Wiegand and this and perhaps another piece of the hull rest at the site of the original collision. In any event, these portions of the Lillian are probably small in comparison to the main body and might be very difficult to find on your depth recorder.

From a fishing perspective, the main portion of the vessel's hull, resting in 24 fathoms of water, is productive habitat that sits on the Mud Hole's western slope. Being on the edge of deep water, this is a potentially good spot to try for cod, large slammer bluefish, makos and other sharks, school bluefin tuna and the standard array of smaller football tuna in season. I've spoken to a few captains who also give this wreck a shot for giant tuna in the fall. Although I've never fished the southernmost minor portions of the Lillian's bow, I've had good luck at this structure's main section in the early fall for skipjack, bonito, false albacore and 5 to 10 lb. dolphin. I've found that 72 to 75 feet of water produces best for the mahi mahi, and be sure to check out any floating timber or debris if you venture there in late August or September.

Next week we're going to shift gears and plot a course for Eastern Long Island to explore the wreck of one of 1942's first U-Boat victims, lying in 30 fathoms south of Shinnecock Inlet. This area has already produced three makos over 400 lbs. this year, and it's the wreck of the British tanker Coimbra.

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BASIC OFFSHORE LURE SELECTION

by Kerry Douton & Tim Coleman

Wherever fishing is spoken, it is becoming increasingly obvious that more and more people are getting into offshore fishing. Expectations generally run high as folks look out beyond the inshore grounds.

One important item is going to be just what kind of little doodad is needed to be pulled along behind a boat traveling at six to ten knots. If you're like me, you went into a store and gawked at all the green machines, jet heads, etc., for sale. What to buy when you're just starting out? And, with the price of these little beauties, you could really blow your lunch money in a hurry.

First on our shopping list might be a couple of smaller lures like the old reliable Jap feathers or something a bit newer called the Hexhead. These and other lures you'll read about have holes drilled in the head. The leader goes through the head, then attaches to a hook and swivel, or just a plain hook, either tied on or crimped in place when it's necessary to use a very heavy leader.

Jap feathers are simply a metal head with feathers tied on and have been used for years on school tuna. Coming on strong the last couple of seasons is the Hexhead. It has a rubber skirt on the back and you can screw the metal head off if you wish to replace the skirt, then put the head back on. These lures have been very popular with longfin albacore. When fish are feeding on small bait or for the fellow who has a boat that limits his range, these lures would be a good starting point.

To rig up these lures, use a Siwash 9510 hook in 7/0 size. Some people use the 3XS model which is stainless or the 3XT which is plated. The stainless has the disadvantage, though, of staying with a fish should you break him off.

A lot of fishermen open up the eye of these hooks and put in a swivel to prevent fish from getting leverage, others just tie direct to the hook. Still others favor a forged eye hook (that's a hook where the eye is welded together) in 7/0 or 8/0 size, model 7754. Rigging for these smaller lures is done with 80 to 100 lb. leader. While some very good anglers use only six feet or so of leader, a lot of others go with 12 to 15 feet. The swivel you tie on the other end should be the same breaking test as the leader itself.

If you're ready to part with a couple more bucks, we'll move onto another productive lure: the green machine. These are plastic heads shaped like a cone, with skirts on the back. While a green head and skirt has become the standard, don't be afraid to use a red machine. That's a lure shaped exactly like the famous green killer, only it has a red skirt and head.

These lures will catch anything from school tuna to albacore to white marlin. A couple years ago, we ran a photo of a fellow who caught a rod and reel swordfish in the daytime trolling a green machine on relatively light tackle.

Rigging for these is done with a Siwash 9/0 hook or a 10/0 forged eye, #7754. You should step up in leader size to 150 lb. test or thereabouts. The hook should be placed to the rear of the lure. This requires the use of plastic beads that slide down the leader. You use enough beads so the hook is the right distance from the head to the tail of the skirt. If you've got any questions about rigging, that's where your local tackle man comes in handy. Since my first offshore trip, I've been going around picking people's brains and buying lures which they rigged up for me.

The small lures and the green machines would probably complete our shopping list for the fellow on a limited budget or someone who will buy a few things before deciding to jump into the blue water with both feet.

If you want to head out to the 40 fathom line or perhaps go on a long range trip to the canyons, read on. Let's take a look at the Jet Heads. These are 12 to 16 inches and meant for large yellowfin or bigeye tuna which can go over 300 lbs. The heads are drilled with four or so holes in addition to the one the line goes through. When dragged through the wake, they give off a stream of bubbles that's a definite fish attractor. Some of the heads are metal while others are hard or soft plastic. If you are heading out to the canyon, you should have a couple in your lunch bag.

To rig these, step up to 250 to 300 lb. leader. Since that stuff is tough to tie, you'll probably want a good quality crimping tool to connect leader to hook on one end and swivel on the other. For bigeyes, use a 7754 model in 11/0 size or a 7691S in stainless. You can use just one hook, set way back in the lure with the use of the bead spacers or you can double hook them as demonstrated in a previous Fisherman article.

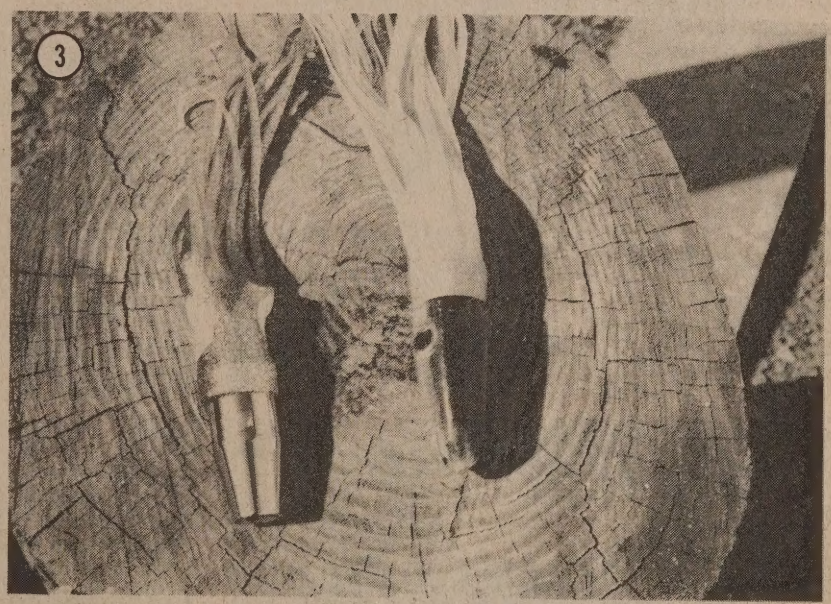
Most folks will stop here for the time being in their lure purchases. However, we did throw these last two in since a few will want a shot at the ultimate trolling target: the blue marlin. If that's your aim, the last couple of lures are your mark. They're very large, expensive, 16 to 20 inch monsters put together for hooking and holding a fish that might go over 900 lbs. In rigging them, no less than 300 lb. leader is used, but some articles I've read recommend going to even 400 lb. test. Hooks should be double rigged in sizes from 11/0 to 14/0. While it's always fun to talk about the exotic, I don't think the beginning angler need bother with such stuff. But there's nothing wrong with dreaming about it.

Photo One: Two very good starter lures are the old reliable Jap feathers on the left, or perhaps a Hexhead which has the advantage of being able to change the rubber skirt.

Photo Two: These are two different versions of the "Green Machine." While most "machines" are indeed green, you can also find them in other colors. Green Machines and the smaller lures would be about all a person might need to get a foothold on offshore fishing.

Photo Three: If you are heading out after bigeye tuna, we'd recommend a couple of Jet Heads, shown here. The one on the left has a metal head; while the other lure's head is made of hard plastic.

Photo Four: A really specialized item are lures meant for blue marlin. These, however, are not meant for the beginning fisherman.



PREPARING A TUNA BAIT

by Drew Springer

While fishing in the Canadian Maritimes, I observed the method of hook-bait preparation for tuna fishing. Essentially, the natives hook and lined, netted or trolled up fresh baits the day before angling. In New England popular baits are mackerel, whiting, herring, menhaden, butterfish, and large scup and small bluefish. The same bait cutting and rigging procedure works from Bimini to Canada and all in-between (mid-Atlantic and New England).

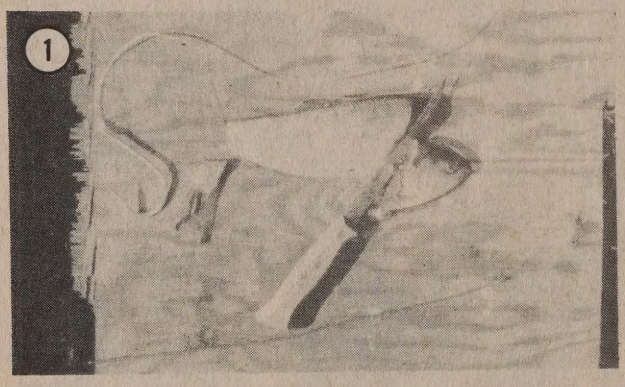
Photo One: Select a fresh medium large bait (this case herring) and cut off tail and head.

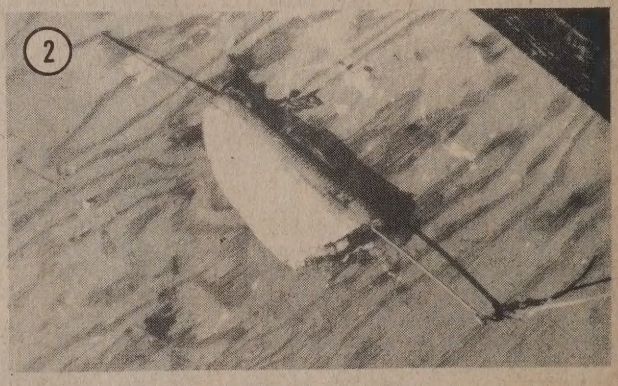
Photo Two: With a wire section (with a sharp end loop on the other), push it through the meaty upper backbone section of baitfish and come out near tail section. Slip leader swivel over loop.

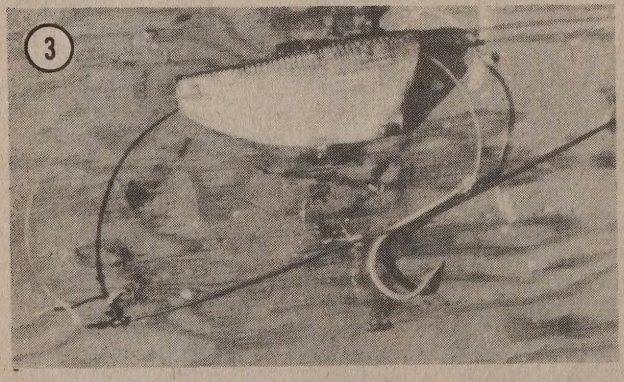
Photo Three: Pull leader all the way through bait; apply tension to line. (Leader short for demo, use 10 to 20 footer.)

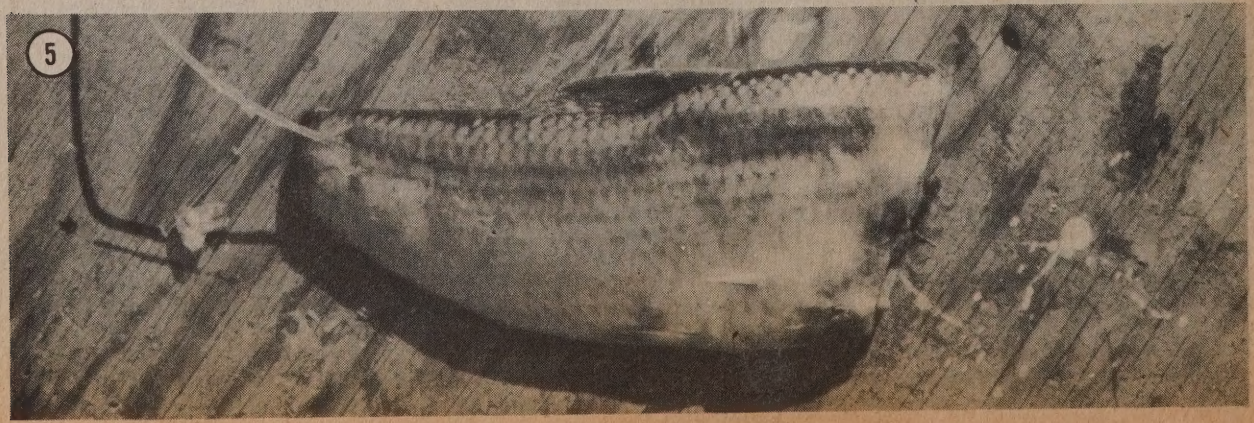
Photo Four: Keep applying tension and begin to insert hook into fish cavity; push slowly, try not to damage bait.

Photo Five: While inserting hook, let hook point protrude out 1/4 to 3/4 inches. The bait is now finished, ready to entice that monster. Also good for medium fish 25 lbs. and up. Hook selection is usually an offset Mustad from 9/0 to 12/0 size. Try a 300 to 350 lb. mono leader for starters; if fish are wild, go up to 600 lb. test brown wire. Our gang (club) has had good luck with this setup from the Jersey Coast up to Stellwagen and beyond Maine. Good Luck!









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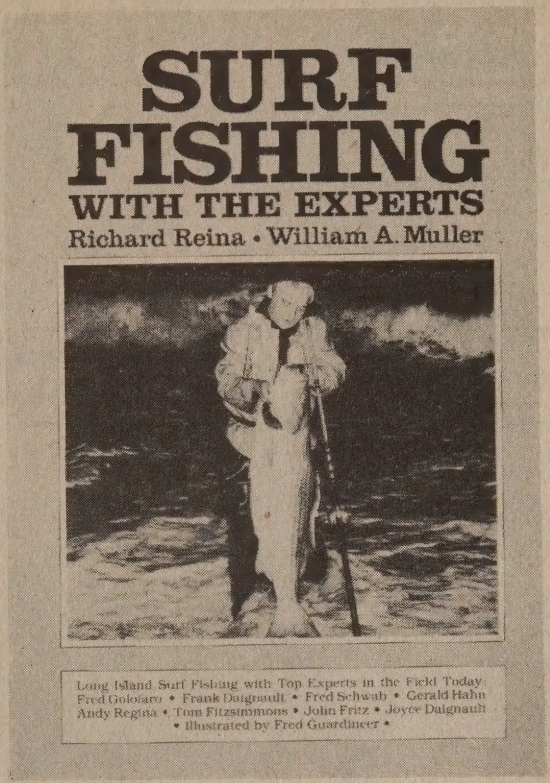
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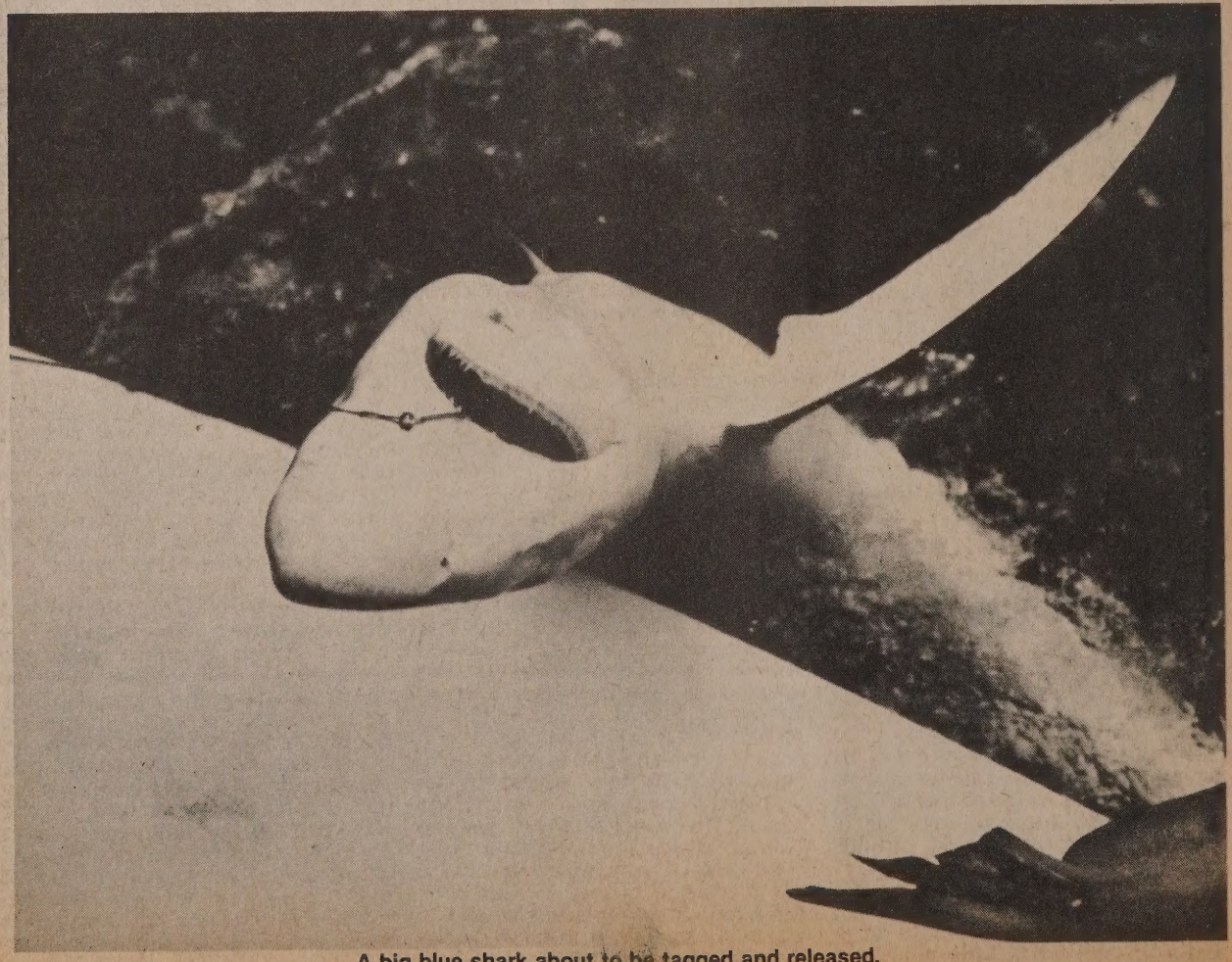
Our chum slick had been working for over two hours without even a stray bluefish to show for our efforts. The only sign of life other than a half a dozen terns free-loading on our chum was a pair of little pilot fish relaxing under the shade of my engine's lower unit. I was beginning to wonder if my theory was worth anything when I decided to switch one of the baits to a fresh mackerel fillet. Just then the short float, only 20 feet off the starboard side began to bounce. Just a bluefish, I thought. "Well, at least I hope it's a big one, not some little puppy."

In the time it took me to get from the helmsman's chair to the rod, all hell broke loose! Without warning six feet of snarling, angry, blue-gray mako erupted from the surface like a Polaris missile shot from a nuclear sub. It executed a near perfect somersault, hit the water with a splash that damn near drenched us, tail-walked across the stern, and the battle was on.

Although I have caught bigger sharks, none ever put on a more spectacular, more adrenalin-pumping show than that—my first mako. It was one of the most thrilling moments I've ever experienced. Today, years later, I can still picture it clear as the day it happened, except that now my mind's eye prefers to play it back in slow motion.

There is really nothing special about the scenario I just described to you. In reality the most unusual aspect of this story is that it didn't take place 25 or 30 miles offshore as



A big blue shark about to be tagged and released.

you might expect. Just for the record, it took place less than 15 miles from East Rockaway Inlet, within sight of the BA buoy. Now I'm not suggesting that you veteran shark fishermen with the shippy 40 footers anchor here and start chumming for sharks; the canyons are your beat, and deservedly so. But for those of you who are longing to try shark fishing on your own boat, and aren't fortunate enough to own a big yacht, the Mud Hole might be a good place to start practicing the fundamentals and building up your own self-confidence.

Sometime ago I broke into sharking while fishing the Bay Shore Mako Tournaments aboard my cousin Bob's 34 footer. If you aren't familiar with the Bay Shore Mako Tournament, it's one of the biggest shark tournaments on the Coast, and it attracts everything from seaworthy 25 ft. center consoles to 50 ft. goldplaters. During these tournaments, I noticed most of the crews bringing home the gold, did it with smaller boats. Most of them fished relatively close to shore, while the big boats made the run to the canyons. I saw this trend developing over the course of a few years and decided to give it a try on my own. When I first started shark fishing on my own 22 foot Aquasport, I was reluctant to run 30 miles offshore with an inexperienced crew. Now given the right weather conditions, I wouldn't think twice about making that run to hook up with a big mako.

So on a hunch I decided to try fishing the edge of the Mud Hole which is relatively close to my home port. I thought it made more sense to run 15 miles southwest to water 150 feet deep than to run 30 miles southeast to water only 120 feet deep. You will find that many more New Jersey shark fishermen take advantage of this area than do Long Islanders.

Before I go any further, I want to make it clear that in all probability you won't be battling many 300 pound makos out there although the possibility definitely exists. Nor will you be surrounded by immense schools of blue sharks anxiously waiting to pounce on your baits. But for someone who is just getting started you will find some consistent action with duskies, brown sharks, makos and if the water is warm enough, some mean looking although easily spooked hammerheads. Blue sharks, however, are conspicuous by their absence. According to scientific research, it seems that not too many blue sharks are found much further west than the waters off of Fire Island Inlet. Keep in mind, though, that the fish you will be dealing with here will probably be smaller than those caught further southeast. Most of the sharks will not be record breakers by any means; they'll average between 50 and 100 pounds, with a few bigger ones just to make it more interesting. At any rate, they will be ideal adversaries on lighter tackle and you'll have a lot of fun with them while honing up your techniques.

The dental work of a 125 pound mako caught within sight of the BA Buoy.

The first thing we'll need obviously, is a boat. The actual overall length of the boat is not as important as it's inherent seaworthiness. Most boats 20 feet long or better will be safe for shark fishing offshore, providing the crew exercises some common sense. A reliable, well maintained engine (or engines) is a must. Twin engine installations are considered to be more dependable, but today's V4s and V6s can be almost as reliable, provided the engines are in good shape and regular maintenance schedules are adhered to. Many serious offshore fishermen find it advantageous to power the boat with one large outboard engine and a smaller "kicker" between 25-35 hp mounted on an auxiliary bracket, so they can limp home in the event of engine failure. This gives you the dependability of twins with a somewhat lower price tag. A spare set of spark plugs and an extra fuel filter replacement should also be a part of your inventory along with the necessary tools to effect replacement of those parts.

No boat should operate without a compass that has been adjusted properly. A VHF radio is an absolute necessity along with all the required Coast Guard safety equipment. Loran is desirable although not absolutely necessary if your navigational skills are up to par. A good chart recorder is standard equipment today on any serious sport fishing machine.

Even more important than the boat and its related equipment is the crew's respect for the ocean and weather. No one should fear the ocean, but a healthy respect for it will go a long way toward making sure you get back to port safely every time out. Keep abreast of updated weather forecasts on your VHF, and learn not to push yourself or your boat beyond its limitations. Get to know what's safe for your boat and what isn't, and always be aware that winds tend to build up towards mid-afternoon before relenting around sunset. It doesn't make sense to take any un-

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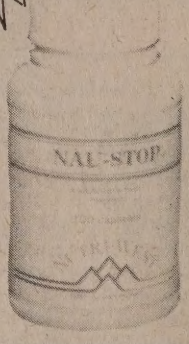

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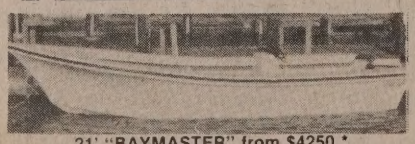

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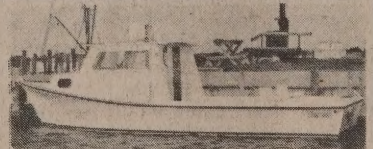

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necessary risks just to go fishing. The trip can always be re-scheduled for a better day.

Shark fishing at the Mud Hole begins around the last week in June and lasts until the end of September. While you can find action throughout the whole summer, August is my favorite month. The weather in August is pretty stable and warm water currents are found close to shore. This seems to contradict the pattern found out East, where there is usually a lull in shark activity during the warmer months of July and August. Many shark fishermen place too much emphasis on the depth of the water—while it's actually a combination of the surrounding water temperature and the available food supply that's responsible for sharks holding in a certain area. For this reason a good water temperature gauge would be a good investment for a serious shark fisherman. On the other hand, tiger sharks and hammerheads prefer warmer water. One hot August afternoon (in the midst of a heat wave) everywhere we went we were besieged with big hammerheads which we unsuccessfully tried to bait.

Sharks can be found anywhere in the general vicinity of the Mud Hole. Since you will be drift fishing and chumming, pinpoint accuracy of your position isn't that critical. Sometimes we set up a chum slick a little south of an area that is currently holding bluefish. You can bet your bottom dollar that there will be hungry sharks cruising the edges of some schools of bluefish, waiting for the opportunity for an easy meal. As I said earlier, one of our makos was caught within sight of the BA buoy, while another one was hooked about eight miles south of the BA. The water here is 217 ft. deep and is clearly marked on offshore chart 12326. One thing I want to **caution** you about fishing in this area is to keep out of the shipping lanes which are also clearly defined on the chart. At times there is quite a bit of big ship traffic out there, and they **will not** deviate from their course to get out of your way, for obvious reasons. Besides, it's illegal to fish within those traffic zones. "So let's be careful out there."

The tackle required need not be elaborate or expensive. In fact you may already have what you'll need in your own tackle collection. We fish standard 30 lb. class rods with Penn 4/0 reels. We've been using the special Senators (with the red sideplates) filled with 30 lb. test dacron line. These outfits should be able to handle any shark that you're liable to run into. We do, however, keep a pair of 50 lb. outfits with 6/0s aboard for those special occasions. The 6/0s are filled with 50 lb. test dacron which we prefer over mono because it will not stretch as much when it's time to set that hook. Since we've been fighting our sharks without a chair, we prefer to use a 30 lb. class rod without an aluminum butt. Those aluminum butted trolling rods are strong but

become very heavy after an hour or so of fighting a fish while standing up. That's about the time you'll notice that you feel like you're fighting more rod than fish. Fenwick makes a straight through fiberglass 7 foot 30 lb. class trolling blank that we've found to be ideal. This season we've been experimenting with a Sabre blank that is rated from 50 to 120 lbs. This rod is very light, yet can really take the abuse. My brother and I build all the rods we use on the Regina M and we prefer to go with either roller guides or the new silicon carbide trolling rod guides. Roller guides are the best, but only if you maintain them correctly. The new silicon carbide guides are tough to beat for maintenance free operation.

You'll notice, that as we've been discussing tackle in general, we've scaled it down a bit. This is to counter act the fact that most smaller boats don't have all the amenities that come with a fully rigged sport fisherman. Scaled down tackle definitely gives the angler an advantage that will become more apparent later on when we discuss how to fight these fish.

The first piece of terminal tackle is a top quality 200 lb. test, black ball bearing snap swivel that is connected to the end of the dacron line via a double improved clinch knot. The hook is a 9/0 Mustad Big Game hook #7699 that is connected to one end of a piece of 125 lb. test braided wire cable with an offshore leader loop and the appropriate wire crimps. The other end of the wire cable should have a 165 lb. test black barrel swivel again connected with the same offshore leader loop and wire crimps. Overall leader length should be about 7 feet. It's easier to start with a longer piece of cable to give yourself some room to work and then eliminate any excess. I always double up on my crimps just to be on the safe side. Connect the barrel swivel to the snap swivel and your terminal gear is all set. My crew found out the hard way that a shorter leader gives you a distinct advantage when wiring, gaffing, or tagging a shark at boatside. This far outweighs any advantage the longer leader has in preventing a shark from wrapping the dacron line around his tail. Besides, if a shark is able to tail wrap a leader it's because of a tactical mistake you made while fighting the shark. With the increased mobility (or agility if you prefer) of a smaller boat, the chances of that happening should be reduced considerably.

Out of necessity we've devised a trick that makes chumming very simple and in fact, almost automatic. About a half hour before you reach your destination is the time to start getting your chum ready. When you pick up your bunker chum in the morning specify that you want it still frozen solid and not mushy. The first step is to take the still frozen can of bunker chum and turn it upside down. Then punch a few holes in the bottom of the can with the claw end of an old hammer. Next put the frozen can of chum in another larger bucket and fill it with sea water and let it sit for about a half hour. This will cause it to defrost slightly. When you're ready to start chumming, take the semi-frozen can out of the bucket of water and stand it on the deck. Put one of those nylon mesh chum bags over the top of the tin of bunker chum. Invert everything and the whole block of frozen bunker chum should slide right out of the can and into the net. Now dump the other can of water overboard, tie the nylon net bag over the side off a stern cleat and there you have it, instant chum slick! That's all you have to do. The natural rocking motion of the boat will do the rest. The holes let air into the bottom of the can to break up the suction and release the block of chum. This is a lot easier and safer than having to slice open one side of the tin can. Later it's just a question of repeating the whole process when the first can is used up. One can should last about two hours depending on how warm the water is. We've never had to use more than two cans of chum on one trip which would entail about six hours of drift fishing. It's also important to spice up your chum slick with bunker or mackerel chunks every now and then.

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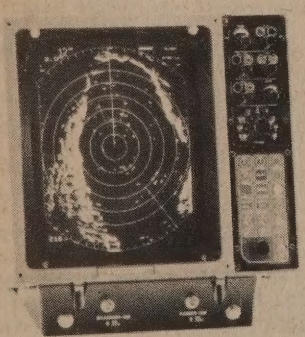

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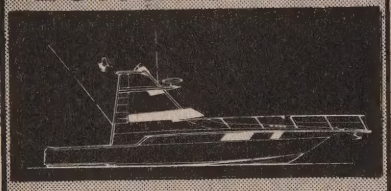
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As a general rule, sharks aren't too fussy about what they eat. Bunker, mackerel, bluefish, squid, butterfish and tuna (with or without the can), are considered to be the top shark baits. Bunker and mackerel are the usual items on the menu aboard the Regina M. They make excellent baits because they are very oily and leave a good scent in the water for the sharks to zero in on. Bluefish make a good bait especially when your baits are being attacked by other pesky bluefish. It seems that they will usually ignore a fresh bluefish fillet when it's used as a shark bait. Whole squid is usually used in combination with another bait and is commonly referred to as a ham and eggs special. When available, the red meat of a tuna fillet makes an especially attractive bait for the big guys.

I cannot emphasize the point enough how important it is to present your bait properly. Whatever bait you choose (except squid) there is only one good way to present it: filleted. After many runoffs and unsuccessful hook-ups, Al Ristori finally drilled it into me that by using a simple filleted bait, your hook-up ratio will improve dramatically. I will admit that a rigged mackerel looks more appealing, but sharks don't seem to mind. In terms of hooking ability, whole, rigged baits have to rate dead last in my book. Besides, preparing a filleted bait is much less complicated. Just make sure to taper it so it will flutter in the current without spinning.

On my own 22 footer, I've found that I can usually fish two lines under most conditions and three lines under ideal conditions. The first line we set up is usually kept about 150 feet away from the boat. We usually want to fish this bait 50 feet below the surface. After you drop your first fillet overboard you have to count out approximately 50 feet of line. This is where a small piece of styrofoam is used as a float. You can usually find some discarded styrofoam around a boat yard, which is easily cut into small blocks about 5 or 6 inches wide. To attach it to your line, take your bait knife and make a shallow incision in opposite sides of the float. Wrap your line around the float once or twice and jam the line into the cuts you just made. This incision will serve as a very effective release mechanism when the shark takes your bait. The second line is put out about 50 feet from your boat, approximately 25 feet below the surface. If you find that the current is really ripping, you might have to put some lead sinkers inside your baits to keep them down where you want them. We find it easier to cut up all the floats at home and bring along only as many as we think we'll need for the trip. If you are lucky enough to have ideal drifting conditions and both lines stay spread out, you can fish a third line right off the side of the boat. This line gets no float and is fished close to the bottom. All your reels should be put into free spool with the clickers on and your drags should be set properly at about one-third the breaking strength of your line. Now once the scene is set, the wait begins.

While you are waiting for something to happen is the time to make sure your cockpit is "battle ready." Rack all the rods you're not using. Make sure the flying gaff is loaded and stored out of harm's way. Be sure all your tail ropes are untangled and check to see that your tagging stick is ready and in a safe place in case you intend to tag any sharks that aren't going to be utilized.

On my boat I insist that every shark that is not going to be used for food or a trophy is tagged and released in good condition. Before we do this we'll take some quick photos for the angler as a souvenir of his catch, so he'll have something to bring home instead of just some "fish stories." Even though sharking is a relatively new sport fishery, it ain't what it used to be. Be aware of this and remember that the conservation of **our resource** is up to all of us.

You have to give your chum slick a good two hours to produce something before you think about moving to another spot. Once that reel starts to sing, keep calm and try to avoid a "Chinese fire drill." If the fish takes the bait fast, throw your reel into gear and hit him fast. If he's just playing with the bait, give him some time, then take up the slack line and hit him hard enough to cross his eyes. Once he's on, all you have to remember is two things. One, **hold on**. Two, keep the line **tight**. If you're in a center console work the shark off the bow. If you're not, work the shark at an angle off the stern. With the drag set correctly and the line kept tight, it's just a matter of time. If by now the shark hasn't performed any aerial acrobatics it's probably not a mako. Resist the temptation to try and regain a lot of line at this stage. If you do this too soon, once the shark is close enough to the transom to see the name of your boat, he's going to take off and he's only going to go one way: down. Then you'll have to winch him up all over again. Most sharks prefer to stage their battles down deep, especially duskies. Be patient: make him work against the drag, and when he's ready, regain line a little at a time. If you don't have any kind of a fighting chair, a good gimbal belt is a must. If the shark turns out to be a decent sized one, now's about the time you're going to wish you had a good shoulder harness to clip to the reel and take some pressure off of your arms. Just remember to keep a taut line and wait him out. If you are overanxious and try to boat a green fish, you'll probably lose him.

The moment of truth comes when you've exhausted the shark and he's lying peacefully beside the boat. If you've ever unsuccessfully tried to gaff a shark before, you probably

realized that team work is the essential ingredient needed to get the job done safely and correctly. You'll need at least two other crew members besides the guy on the rod for a successful tagging and/or gaffing operation. As soon as the swivel is at the rod tip, it's time for the wire man to spring into action. At this point the angler should back off on the drag system somewhat to guard against the shark trying to make a quick dash for the bottom. Before the wire man touches the leader he should have on a pair of heavy work gloves. Now with both hands, he grabs the leader and pulls the shark closer to the boat. Never take a wrap of wire leader around your hands. If that shark ever tries to make a last ditch effort to gain his freedom, that's a good way to lose a couple of fingers. Always grab the leader with an open hand and be prepared to let go instantly. A short wire leader is much easier to handle at boatside, and it's a cinch to get the shark close to the boat with that shorter leader. Just grab the leader hand over hand and let it fall into the water until the shark is close enough to gaff or tag. Also make sure your line and/or leader isn't coming across the back or shoulders of the wire man. He should always be on the opposite side of the leader, not between the angler and the shark.

When the wire man has the shark under control, then and only then, should he give the person elected to do the gaffing the signal to go for his best shot. One quick word about flying gaffs. Keep the point of the gaff head sharp and avoid using a gaff without some kind of trigger or tension release mechanism. Those gaffs that depend on a knot in the line over a gimbal on the end are totally useless as far as I'm concerned. A gaff with a good positive locking release mechanism costs more, but makes gaffing a lot simpler. Your best shot would be to hit the shark under his belly between the dorsal fin and the tail. If you get him there you'll be able to keep his tail out of the water. This is important because he uses his tail for propulsion and this will prevent him from trying to go anywhere. It will also make it easier to secure a tail rope on him. Hopefully, before you actually tried to gaff the shark you secured the other end of the line on the gaff head to a strong cleat. Make sure that line is free and clear and not tangled underfoot. Place the head of the flying gaff right under his belly and pull back smartly with both hands. Once the gaff is firmly implanted the wire man (with the gloves) grabs the line on the gaff head and holds on for dear life. Now the person who gaffed the shark should secure a rope around the tail and the shark is yours.

If the shark isn't a mako or it isn't going to be used for a trophy mount, we just tag the shark as our own contribution to marine research and release him unharmed. At the point where the wire man has the shark under control, have your dart tagging stick loaded and try to implant the tag in the upper back of the shark right around the dorsal fin. Don't try to spear the poor thing with all your might, just a quick jab with the tagging stick will do. Then just clip the wire leader close to the hook (but not that close) and let him go. If you've intended to tag the shark from the very beginning, every effort should be made to bring him to boatside before he is totally exhausted.

If you've decided to bring your shark back, and it's a decent sized one you'll have to tow it home. Under **no circumstances** should a big shark, or for that matter, any shark be brought into the boat. You're only asking for trouble. Tie an extra tail rope on him and tow him back to port tail first. Run your boat just fast enough to plane the shark up on your wake.

After all this is said and done and your first shark is history, I have just one more thing to warn you about. Once you've caught a few sharks on your own, you will probably become addicted to sharking. The symptoms are such that every time you're out drifting around for fluke on a flat calm sea, you're going to be daydreaming about battling a magnificent mako! Take it from me, once you've experienced the thrill of shark fishing, fluke or flounder fishing will never be the same.

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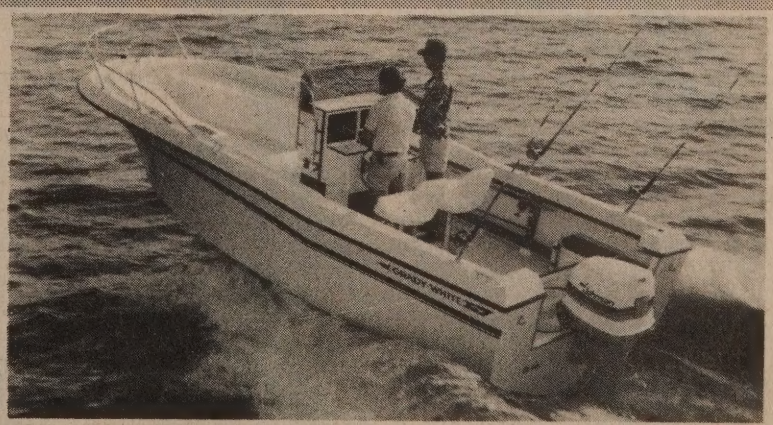

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Summer has come to the East End! When last Thursday's winds settled, the east end found itself in the hub of a Fisherman's Paradise! Uncountable amounts of blue sharks, with threshers, makos and duskies are in all predicted and unpredicted places. Giant tuna are holding in, with dozens caught last week, all trolling. Inshore, fluke in good amounts, with a good keeper ratio are in Montauk waters. A second wave of fluke appears to have come into Shinnecock. Porgy action is on time at Montauk and Gardiner's. Bluefish are in solid at Shinnecock and Montauk. Weakfish have appeared at the Point and are taking jigs. Come on down!

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Charlie Fuchs was elated over the amount of bluefin tuna brought into **Star Island Yacht Club** during the month of June—17 to date. A rundown of giant tuna action during the past week includes: Chester Wolf on the "Sea Wolf" with a giant of 641 pounds; Ronnie Goldberg on the "Barbara Jack" with a 564 pound tuna; Pete Ryan on the "Sneaky Pete" with a 436 pound giant; Richard Jeck's 470 pound tuna on the "Scrambler;" and Bob Otto's tuna on "Touch of Glass." Sharking is best described as spectacular, while inshore, bluefish are a steady bet with fluke and weakfish making a strong showing.

Tom at the **Montauk Marine Basin** reported twelve giant tuna to 754 pounds weighed during the past week. Although the Canyon is showing activity, most boats are concentrating on the nearby tuna. However, Gary Carpenter sailed the "Hustler" to the Canyon over the weekend where Al Baron fought and boated a 274 pound bigeye tuna. A half dozen yellowfin and a white marlin were included in the catch as well. Capt. Paul Stern returned from the tuna ground with a 455 pound mako shark on Friday. The big mako took a trolled mackerel daisy chain intended for giant tuna on the **Tuna Tangler.** Tom also cited activity with inshore fluke and weakfish, as well as good bluefishing.

A reminder that the **Montauk Marine Basin's** 15th Annual Shark Tag Tournament will be held on July 13th and 14th. Write or call the Marine Basin for information or applications.

Maureen Sennefelder at **Gone Fishing Marina** spoke of plenty of action both offshore and inshore. There are plenty of sharks, mostly blue sharks 18 to 20 miles south of the Point. Youngster Michael Plaia returned from his first shark trip with an 80 pound blue shark which will be mounted. Inshore, porgies are just starting at Great Eastern and the Pocketbook. Good weakfish catches were made over the weekend at Shagwong with early morning the time of the action. Good fluking was reported from both Shagwong and Gin Beach with the "Fluke Hunter" returning with a 7 pound doormat.

Joan at **Captain's Cove Marina** reported great offshore and inshore action this week. Capt. Zac Grossman found shark heaven on the **Mako Express,** using 10 pound test tackle for his blue sharks! **Cricket II** caught mako shark as well as tuna this week. Tony Rispoli took his son, Sam, who was on vacation fishing for giant tuna on the Pisces III. Sam caught tuna of 528, 530 and 502 pounds on three consecutive days, then returned to work to rest up. The "Hurry Up" had three giant tuna during the week, largest 570 pounds. A large thresher shark was hooked, and broke off on the "Midabet II." Besides sharks, the "Venture" boated a giant of 532 pounds. The "Marie III" had blue shark to 291 pounds one day, fluke to 5 pounds another. Marina based boat "Knee Deep" found blue shark action on Saturday, fluke to 5 pounds at Shagwong on the way home. Wally Oakland on the "Sea Doll" caught his giant tuna, 597 pounds, on the boat's shake-down trip. Bill Geyer, fishing with the Stenger family and friends on the "April Day" returned with 20 fluke to 3 pounds fishing at Shagwong.

Best bluefish action has been at Cartwright and south of Block Island, with weakfish at Shagwong hitting diamond jigs at slack tide and dusk. Porgies are making a strong early showing, with promises of a great run coming up.

Great action on the charter boat scene this week, inshore and offshore. Capt. Ron Grandinetti caught

Lake Ontario charter Captain Bill Maglione and friends took this 120 lb. mako during a busman's holiday aboard the Montauk charter boat "Mako Express."

250 porgies and sea bass, along with a dozen flounder to three pounds on the **Julie III** with Tony Lopez on Saturday. The Pocketbook was the scene of the action and clams the bait.

Capt. Jerry McGrath had a good catch of fluke on the **Nostalgia II** with 10 year old Jeffrey Laz of Wading River pulling his weight on his first fluke trip. Sharking is "terrific" with blue shark providing super action for beginners and pros alike. The amount of sharks this year almost makes up for the lack of them last year.

Capt. John DeMaio reported very good weakfishing on the **Vivienne** on the weekend. Friday's catch of 50 weakfish was made on diamond jigs, while Saturday's 42 weakfish took lures cast on spinning tackle. Fish averaged 8 pounds. However, on Sunday, although boat traffic inhibited catches, one weakfish of 10½ pounds was counted in the catch.

Capt. Fritz Hubner stated that the past week's tuna and shark action was "super excellent." On Friday, 15 year old Bill Schwanaweed of New Jersey caught his first giant tuna weighing 346 pounds after a 15 minute battle. The **Mistress Too** fished southeast of Block Island on Saturday, where 21 blue sharks were caught and released. Sunday, the blue shark were found south of the Point, 25 of them, all released.

Anglers should not knock the blue shark. This frenzied action of the past couple of weeks promises to continue. A party of 4 or 6 on a shark charter is practically guaranteed as many sharks as you care to handle. The beauty of blue shark is that they are reasonably light and easy to fight, providing good "training" for beginners, fantastic fun for kids. With large makos, thresher and dusky shark around, on never knows what will hit the shark baits. Blue shark can be baited at the boat, just pick the one you want.

Capt. Phil Lewis fished the 40 fathom line on Friday, the day after the severe storm to find no action. However, the next day, Saturday, the **Adios** participated in the "Montauk Festival of Sharks" with dozens of blue shark hooked, fought, and released by the Savino's. Sunday's charter fished for giant tuna in the morning, hooking and then losing a giant after 30 minutes of battle, and then went sharking. Jim Lopresti fought a dusky, estimated at 400 pounds, which jumped three times (something that rarely happens with this type of shark). A blue shark of 275 pounds also took the bait. The rest of the trip was small blue sharks, fought on light tackle.

Capt. Chuck Mallinson took the **Joy-Sea** to shark city on Wednesday where Enzo Leva of Mamaroneck, N.Y. fought and released a dozen blue sharks to 250 pounds. Friday's charter with Harold (Lucky) Waters and friends Jimmy Bogart and Bo brought in a 391 pound bluefin tuna. On Saturday, Paul Edmondson lost count after releasing 30 blue sharks.

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Sunday's trip with Walter Mallinson and his bride found the ever present, ever willing blue sharks, about 2 dozen.

Capt. Rich Wight found "wall to wall" sharks for Jack Kelly on the **Fortuna** on Saturday. So many sharks were hooked, fought and released, including a blue shark estimated at close to 400 pounds, that a 300 foot spool of leader material was used up, as well as most of the shark hooks on the boat. Highlighting the day was a mako shark, estimated at 250 pounds, which was baited at the boat and then jumped 12 feet as it threw the hook. Is this a "long line release?"

Capt. Joe McBride found lots of blue shark on the **My Mate** on Tuesday for Scott Sanders from Stony Brook and his friends. Two makos were hooked up, the one that was brought home weighed 80 pounds, the one that was lost at the boat, after a one hour fight, weighed at least 300 pounds. On Saturday, at least 25 blue sharks were tagged and released.

A reminder: The annual Montauk Captain's Association Shark Tournament is scheduled for this weekend. Applications will be accepted at the Captain's meeting: Friday, July 5th at 7PM at **Captain's Cove Marina.** From the amount of sharks reported this past week, this should be a banner tournament!

Capt. Jack Passie of the **Windy** found blue sharks, a dusky and a "mystery shark" (one that got away and never seen) for a group from the Patchogue Fishing Club led by Neil Vanginhoven on Monday. On Tuesday, the same spot was devoid of life. However, after the big storm, blue sharks returned to Montauk waters in droves. On Saturday, George Rouvak and his group released uncountable numbers of sharks, some to 240 pounds. Sunday's group with Dom Morroccou caught 20 sharks, even after a late start. Capt. Passie described the shark action as "incredible."

Capt. Jim Flowers found a dozen blue sharks, fishing at 35 fathoms south of Montauk for the Hessler party on Saturday on teh **Mary A.** Sunday's tuna trip with the Tracy's returned with a giant of 467 pounds that took a trolled daisy chain of mackerel fishing southeast of Block Island.

Capt. Mike Bentivegna, Jr. tried out the lure created by Sea Rocks, a daisy chain of six squid in natural tan color, trolled behind the **Pronto.** It apparently held an attraction for tuna, since a fish took the lure, but was lost after a short fight. On Sunday, Lisa Guiardino caught her first shark: a 65 pound dusky which took a squid bait.

Capt. King of the **King Wayne** lost more shark tackle this past week, than all last season. Blue sharks were guaranteed. In fact, at times they were so thick that only one rod was used. Capt. King released 52 blue sharks over the weekend alone. The weekend started with a bluefish trip with Paul Zona, finding loads of chop-

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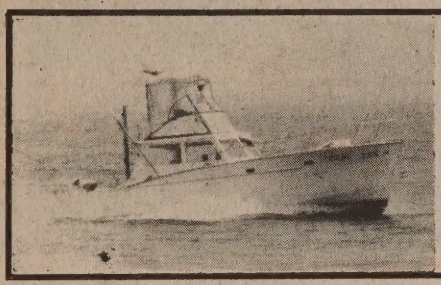

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pers at Cartwright. Friday, Ed Lajorski fought 6 blue sharks and one mako. Saturday and Sunday with a group from Graphic World, Inc. and Sam Victor the next day, the **King Wayne** joined the "blue shark festival." Capt. King did use a new secret chum on Saturday, which brought as many as a dozen sharks around the boat at one time. It was noted that several of the sharks had long line hooks with leaders attached. All sharks were released to fight another day. A codfish trip with King Provisions last week to the "Gully" loaded up with 42 cod in the 22 to 25 pound range, all taken on jigs.

Capt. Bill Ricca found loads of blue shark for Mr. and Mrs. Randi Sparks from Croton on the Hudson on Tuesday on the **Alyssa Ann.** Since offshore action is so red hot, in tuna and shark, it is advisable to check weekday and weekend dates with Capt. Ricca now, since choice dates are going fast.

Capt. Howard found a 170 pound mako among 16 blue sharks on Saturday fishing on the **Reel Magic** with Tom Malone and Stuart Shaenow. Sunday's trip, a change of pace, located a good batch of fluke at Shagwong and Gin Beach fishing with the family for a couple of hours.

Capt. Mike Albrondo reports excellent sharking during the past week with two small makos and a thresher among scores of blue sharks on the **Montauk.** 21 blue sharks were fought by Peter Sama and his group on Saturday, while on Sunday, a 165 pound thresher shark which jumped four times was boated, this is the second thresher on the **Montauk** this season. With good weather continuing, a record shark season seems to be in store. Lots of bait is now in the area and the water temperature is just right for sharks. Don't miss out on this spectacular action.

Several trips on the **Bluefin I** with Capt. John Potts have resulted in very good blue shark catches, with bluefish caught on the way home. Capt. Michael Potts on the **Bluefin IV** reports good fishing both before and after last week's storm. On Tuesday, the Perene group from New Jersey were into blue sharks, but also caught a 150 pound mako. Wednesday with the Raven's from Patchogue, blue sharks, one brown shark and a mako (estimated at 100 pounds) but lost at boat side was the order of the day. A half day bluefish trip with the Fischman group of New York City, caught 50 small bluefish with 4 weakfish at the Montauk Light on Saturday. The weaks weighed 8 to 12 pounds. On Sunday, a tuna trip with Mr. Englesbie of Connecticut hooked up with a giant tuna estimated at about 500 pounds, which unfortunately was lost after an hour's battle.

Capt. Scott Weiss took the **Gusto** to the tuna grounds for her shakedown trip on Tuesday. A tuna, weighing 463 pounds was handled by Scott Norris, the mate. The fish took a trolled natural bait.

Capt. Greg Beacher has caught 12 giant tuna in 14 trips on the **Dawn** this season. On Monday, Mike Sortex of Long Island caught a giant of 530 pounds, Tuesday, Franklyn Carp fought a 600 pound tuna, Russ Coopers fish on Wednesday was 510 pounds. Vicky Trentholm of Main fished both Friday and Saturday boating fish of 510 and 535 pounds. On Sunday Steve Flores fought the Dawn's largest fish of the week, 680 pounds.

Inshore, both the **Flying Cloud** and **Little Bear** are into porgy action, which is increasing every day. Saturday's anglers filled about 1/2 bucket each, while on Sunday, almost everyone caught a full bucket of scup. Both boats are on a daily schedule, action is east of Gardiner's Island.

Henry Uihlein says that his rentals are hot into fluke now. Bob Frederickson and his friend caught 14 fluke, including one of over 5 pounds on a short trip on Saturday fishing Gin Beach. A surprise catch of a 3 pound mackerel was made on a **Uhlein's**

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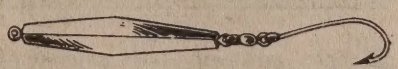

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Rental at Shagwong. Henry declared that "summer is her. come on down!"

Capt. Paul Forsberg called the fluking "unbelievable and fantastic" with good numbers of fluke, some to 5½ pounds, caught at the north rips. Night bluefishing is great, with plenty of big fish, a bail job every night by the **Viking Fleet.** The **Starship's** Georges Bank/Nantucket trip last week, was the best of the season with super codfishing. Several cod in the 50 pound range were taken, along with one wolfish. Next trip will be Labor Day, since teh **Viking Fleet** is now on a full time local schedule. Last week's tuna/tile trip was disappointing in tuna (two bonito) attributed to cold water temperatures. However, 50 tilefish (on the small side) were hauled in. On the way home, Capt. Forsberg, fished "pollock heaven" where about 150 big pollock, some in the 30 pound range were caught.

SOUTH FORK

Capt. Artie Lach describes the porgy fishing on the north side of Plum Island as red hot. **Wilhelric** catches, however, are dependent upon the weather, with good conditions making for great catches. The fluke scene at Gardiner's has improved considerably, again, with weather and wind conditions the major factor. Good weather days have accounted for as many as 140 fluke for the boat, with high hook over a dozen fish.

Chris Salb saw a very good catch of fluke over at **Bayview Marina and Tackle** on Saturday. Dick Boone and Mike Ledy caught 70 fluke, all keepers, fishing between Cartwright Island and Napeague Bay. Porgies are holding up near Can 11 and 13, just outside the Sag Harbor breakwater. Long Wharf Pier has been the scene of good action with flounder and eels for the kids. Al Philips and his friends treked to Montauk on Sunday, where they fought and released at least 30 blue sharks, fishing about 30 miles south of Montauk Point.

Dennis Stock and Walt Roskozi, who keep their boat at Sherry and Joe **Corr's Best Boatworks** in Southampton, fished primarily around Shinnecock Inlet for 25 fluke over the weekend. Surprise catch, however, was a blackfish of 7-3/8 pounds, the only one they caught in the inlet near the rocks. The "Galloping Ghost" fished south of the inlet on Sunday with Jim Squires, Ron Woodward and Kevin McLoone. The trio tagged a couple of blue sharks, then baited a mako, estimated at 200 pounds at the boat. Unfortunately, the fish threw the hook. Schools of small tuna, as well as dolphin were spotted close to shore.

Thom Speckenback spoke of good fluking west of the Ponquogue Bridge (buoy 17) by anglers working the edges of the flats, fluke are pretty good in size and number. Another hotspot talked about at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in Southampton is either East Channel or south of the Canal in Shinnecock Bay. A showing of nice blackfish, some to 6 pounds was made at the Shinnecock jetty, close to the rocks. Best porgy action reported at the tackle shop was in the Peconics at Nassau Point or Middle Grounds, with action picking up on the east side of Gardiner's Island as well. Try fluking on the northeast side of Gardiner's. Also, fluke action appears to be starting in the Promised Land area. Flounder, although slow, can be found in the Basket area. The Canal is the scene of bluefish action, 3/4 to 1 pound size, as well as fluke.

Rosemary Mangarillo felt that offshore action was a little slow over the weekend, although Ed Parbst did return to **Corr's Mariner's Cove** in Hampton Bays with a mako shark caught on his boat "Horizon." The shark weighed 95 pounds dressed weight. A trailered boat returned with a 95 pound mako. Lots of blue sharks were fought and released. Bluefish, many 10 to 12 pounds were brought into the marina, caught outside the inlet. Fluking seemed a little slower in the bay, however, one marina based boat returned with 12 good size fluke working both the east and west channel and also in front of the marina's gas dock at change of tide.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Despite the unseasonable fall like weather created by last week's nor'easter, the overall fishing picture improved considerably in this area. Fluke fishing in Fire Island Inlet had been hurting but sharply improved on Friday and the weekend. Moriches Bay fluke fishing maintained its fast pace despite the blow. Bluefishing in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds was very good for many daytime trollers and jiggers and red hot for the night boats. The offshore set cashed in on the first real good canyon action of the year with plenty of yellowfin and bigeye tuna falling to trollers. Also, a couple of impressive white

Lillian Pfoutsch with a 9½ lb. doormat, Jim Skeados with an 8¼ lber. and his wife Irene with a 5 lb. summer flattie. All were taken on a recent trip aboard the Sag Harbor based open boat, "Wilhelric II."

marlin were taken well inshore of the Canyon by shark fishermen.

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MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches reported that excellent fluke fishing contined this week with 20 to 40 keepers per boat the average when the weather cooperates. Fish are being taken between buoys 38 and 42 on both tides with 4 out of 5 of the fish being keepers. Gary noted that several fish in the 4 to 5 lb. class were taken by his customers this week. Spearing or sand eel and squid combos are accounting for most of the action. Saturday, Kevin Donnelly and Bob Flannery teamed to take 40 fluke and then added 25 winter flounder at the bottom of the tide. Flatties continue to be taken in the deep water near buoys 33-38. Plenty of cocktail blues continue to roam the bay as well. The small choppers were taken in good numbers opposite the Coast Guard station for much of this past week.

Scott Doros, Frank March, Steve Nyisztor, George Obloj and Jerry Gaffney accounted for 31 keeper fluke to 4 lbs. during last week's trip out of **L&M Marine Fishing Station** in East Moriches. The group returned another dozen fish as well fishing near buoy 38 with squid and killie combos.

Captain Ron Sleuter of the Moriches based **Alma Fleet** reported a 3.14 lb. winter flounder for Ron Moore on Monday. The huge flattie was a fine way to finish up with the flounder as the skipper is now concentrating exclusively on fluke. Winners of the boat's flounder derby included Bob Faloo who earned $150 for 1st place. Second place was worth $100 to Pete DeVita while Roger Grogan collected $50 for his 3rd place finish. Fluking was excellent during the week in the vicinity of the new cut, but according to the skipper dropped off on Sunday.

Captain Harry Dawkins of the Moriches based charter boat **Frances Ann** reported plenty of blue shark and bluefish action SE of Moriches Inlet in 160-180 feet of water this week. On Friday, he treated a party headed by John Dugan to a mix of bluefish and blue sharks. He repeated the performance on Saturday for a group headed by Rick Romaine. Several of the blue sharks were in the 100 to 150 lb. class.

Captain Russ Hodges of the East Moriches charter boat **Blue Jay** called to report putting away a dozen big blues in the 10 to 15 lb. range for a group from Irvington Rugs and Cleaners, Inc., on Sunday. The skipper worked southwest of Moriches Inlet between 85 and 100 feet of water. All the fish were taken on umbrella rigs.

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From **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello reported very good crabbing continues from local docks. He added that snappers are around with a few being taken by youngsters. All are too small to keep, however. One customer stopped by the shop with a few small weakfish taken off of Sayville during the week. Paul expressed hope that this might be the start of summer run fish in the local bay. While there was a definite improvement in the Fire Island fluke picture, the Patchogue tackle man continues to receive positive reports from Moriches. On Saturday John and Richie Conklin and Sal Cafiso fished between buoys 40 and 42 and counted 20 keeper fluke and half a dozen small blues for their efforts on Saturday. On the offshore scene, Joe Musso, John Wildman and Barry Bernstein traveled to 220 ft. of water on the east side of the compass rose to land a mako that while not weighed, stretched a tape measure to 8 ft. 6 inches.

Al Colban of **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale was encouraged by the much improved fluke fishing found just outside the inlet near Democrat Point on the weekend. Sunday was specially good on outgoing water with sand eels and squid or fluke belly baits. Plenty of blues from 1½ to 4 lbs. roam the inlet on Sunday's ebb. Bigger blues are being jigged and trolled from 40 feet of water on out. Blackfish are still on the Kismet Reef and there's been fair fluking in the State Channel. On Wednesday Sal Russo and Joe Caserta , on the Linda II worked the east bar of the inlet to the tune of 18 keeper fluke and 51 small bluefish.

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Four year old Patricia Reed of Commack and the 13 flounder and two blowfish she caught during a recent outing on Moriches. The young anglerette checked in her catch at J&R Sport Center in Oakdale.

Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore, Carl Miller also noted the vast improvement in fluke fishing over the weekend. He, too, mentioned just outside the inlet on the east side as having produced some of the best scores. There was some fish inside the inlet as well with one boat on Saturday taking 15 keepers along Oak Beach and another counting 16 keepers on Sunday. Saturday and Sunday saw small blues provide good action for those jigging 007s at the mouth of the Inlet on Saturday and Sunday. Action with big blues has been solid along the 90 foot line from the NA buoy east to Patchogue. Offshore, the big news in the area was the Bay Shore Mako Tournament held over the weekend. While official results were still forthcoming, a 411 lb. mako taken on Saturday was the apparent winner. We' ll have more on the results in an upcoming issue. A 60 lb. white marlin intercepted a shark bait being fished aboard the Harry E by Angelo Ugenti on Sunday. The billfish was taken SE of Fl Inlet in 180 feet of water. Lots of bluefin tuna were reported on the surface in this area as well but the best of the weekend tuna action was reserved for the canyon. Carl reported plenty of yellowfin tuna in the 80 to 100 lb. class along with lots of bigeyes taken on the west side of the canyon. Cannon Door Knobs and Egg Eyes were hot.

Over at Captree open boat skippers were celebrating the upswing in fluke action along with an impressive run of bluefish situated in the vicinity of Patchogue Grounds. Captain Speedy Hubert of the open boat **Speedy VI** labeled the weekend bluefish action as excellent in 80 to 105 foot depths between Point O'Woods and Patchogue. Many of the fish fall in the 8 to 15 lb. range. A conversation with his day skipper via the marine radio revealed

that the boat was into hot fishing again first thing this Monday morning.

Captain Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** added his word to the fine bluefishing under way. He said that Friday and Saturday nights trips saw catches average 15 to 20 blues per man with fish ranging from 5 up to 14 lbs. On Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 10 PM the skipper has been sailing special local bluefish trips with all fishing being done in the vicinity of the inlet area. This action, too, has been good with plenty of 1 to 4 lb. blues being taken on 007 and A17 diamond jigs. Skipper reminded that he is now sailing two half days trips for fluke. The morning trip kicks off at 8AM with a Noon return. Afternoon trips run from 1 to 5PM.

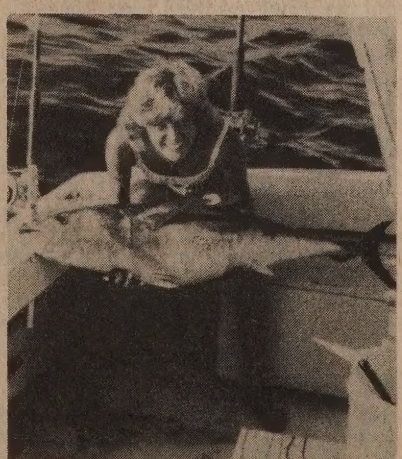
Captain Fred Laaer of the Captree charter boat **Eagle** reported trolling 68 blues up to 14½ lbs. for a party from Medallion Graphics on Friday. The group was headed by Jean Kuta. A number of small fish were trolled close along the beach, while the bigger fish in the catch were trolled out at the Patchogue Grounds on umbrella rigs. Saturday's charter for Chris Brick and friends resulted in a 125 lb. brown shark and a 30 lb yellowfin tuna taken on a diamond jig from out of a shark slick. The skipper reported seeing lots of tuna activity along the 30 fathom line. He also reminded that the boat is available for night bluefish charters for groups of six or less.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported very good bluefishing with plenty of choppers being taken both day and night. Fish ranged from 4 to 6 and 8 to 13 lbs. with nearly all of the activity centered around the Patchogue Grounds. Saturday night's high hook was Jim Golden with 37 blues. The Cole brothers (2) totalled 42 blues. Joe Kane finished the night with 35, while Bill Bloom counted 32 blues for his night's efforts.

Captain Gordon Roman of the Captree open boat **Captree Queen II** labeled the bluefishing as super all week long and was especially enthused by the great early start. High hook each night is well into the 20s with plenty of catches in the teens. Fish range anywhere from 4 on up to 12 lbs. with most of the fish above the 8 lb. mark. He , too, has been working primarily on the Patchogue Grounds. Of the fluking Gordon reported some slow trips and some fair fishing on others. Sunday saw 140 keepers taken between the bridge and the inlet. He has also been doing some fishing in the state channel depending on the tides.

The charter boat **Cap'n Andy** called to report taking a 142 lb. mako shark for Capt. Bud Miller on Saturday fishing in 155 feet of water south of Fl Inlet. Captain Andy reported there's been some fair fluke action along with sea bass to 5 lbs. on the Fire Island Ocean reef.

Captain Charlie Kennedy, skipper



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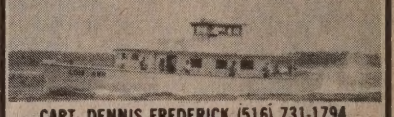

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of the Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported improved fluking with some of the best action being found on the last of the flood. Night bluefishing has been very good at the Patchogue Grounds. Saturday saw Virginia Kilgore deck 31 choppers between 8 and 12 lbs.

Aboard the Babylon based open boat **Miss Babylon** Capt. Bob Newbauer reported tough going at midweek due to the wind and cold. Bob has been working the state channel and getting some fair fluke action. On Saturday, Mr. Chappe landed 20 of the summer flatties of which five were keepers. The skipper noted that the bay's waters appear to be clearing up and it looks like the worse of the diatom bloom is over. He also reminded that he will continue his bay bluefishing trips on Friday and Saturday nights from 6 to 11PM. THat action has been excellent of late, with plenty of 1 to 4 lb. blues being taken.

Augie's Tackle Shop in Babylon must have been a bee hive of activity based on this weekend's reports, relayed to us by Tom Healey. He noted a definite upswing in the fluke action with good reports coming from the east bar of the inlet and the state channel at Fox Creek and Amityville Cut. There's still a fair amount of flounder being taken at the Sore Thumb. Small fish but a steady pick. The inlet was well supplied with small blues on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Fish were taken by trollers as well as on 007 jigs. Bigger blues kept trollers and jiggers busy out in 90 foot depths SE of the inlet. Bob Schwartz and his crew aboard Pride's Pup used umbrellas to put 12 big blues to 13 lbs. in the box in 90 ft. of water on Sunday. Tom reported that a walk on the village dock revealed some real nice blue claw crabs in the buckets. He also noted that snappers are around but for the most part, still too small to catch. There was plenty of offshore activity to report for the weekend. Shop owners Dick and Artie Orlandi each put impressive sharks aboard their respective boats. Dick had a 357 lb. thresher on his Three Sons, while Artie put a 200 plus lb. blue shark aboard his Fast Eddie. Plenty of bigeyes and yellowfins in the canyon in recent days. Among the boats getting in on the action where the Irish Faker, Libra and the Miss Marion. Bob Scarlatto put a 90 lb. white marlin aboard his Thirsty Lady while sharking on Saturday. Dick Svoboda decked a 52 lb. white marlin on the Miss Marion. This fish was trolled. Aboard the BCA charter boat **Cindy Ann** on Sunday, New York Athletic Club member Dom Bruzzese landed a 154 lb. bluefin tuna and a 90 lb. mako as well. Both fish were taken out a chum slick in 165 ft. of water southeast of the inlet. Another sharker recorded a bluefin of 462 lbs.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani reported a catch of 42 blues to 12 lbs. for John Piteris Jr. and Sr. and Ken Stephens Jr and Sr. The four jigged and trolled the fish southeast of the inlet from 60 ft of water on out aboard the family boat The Five of Us. Mike noted that bluefish action has been excellent beyond the 60 ft. mark. An occasional big weakfish is being live lined on bunker at the inlet and fluking was much improved at the mouth of the inlet over the weekend. The best of the fluking seemed to be along the edge of the inlet's east bar. Crabbing has been very good at both the Wellwood Ave. dock and at Tanner Park in Copiague. The only offshore news concerned Lee and Beverly Schekter who teamed to catch and release a blue shark estimated between 150 and 200 lbs. on Saturday.

From **Bob's and Tackle** in Amity Harbor, Bob Vitale reported that fluke fishing did a complete turnaround since last week. On Wednesday Fred Walters, aboard his Reel Affair worked the state channel to the tune of 19 fluke up to 3¼ lbs. fishing at the

inlet improved as well. John Durante put 6 keepers along with 15 small blues aboard his Reel Me on Sunday. On Friday, Tom Albarano had 8 keepers and a mess of blues aboard his Fishbuster at the inlet. Richie Stahfast fishing aboard Ishtar on Saturday found a 208 lb. mako in 150 feet of water south of Fl Inlet. Buzzy Boselli stopped by the shop just prior to our conversation to weigh a 23 lb. 10 oz. bass taken in the early morning hours from the inlet on a live bunker. The crabbing has been great locally and snappers are being caught but are still too small to take home.

Over at **Edelman's** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera reported some improvement in fluke action in the state channel and also at the Inlet. Some good catches were reported along the edge of the inlet's east bar on the weekend. Small blues were in the inlet both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Plenty of bigger blues offshore on the Patchogue Grounds and in the vicinity of the San Diego. On Saturday, Mike Grasso fishing aboard his sinker Bouncer landed a 3 lb. fluke and a 4 lb. weakfsih near the head of Snake Hill Channel.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

The area was hit again this week with a weird weather front with wind and rain making their presence known. Bluefishing has been good to excellent both days and nights on most trips, while the fluking has been on the picky to fair side. Old standby flounder fills many a gap in the deeper holes. Offshore activity on bigeyes and yellowfin at the Hudson Canyon made its beginning this week. BCCs excellent in certain areas, nonexistent in others. Stripers and weaks making a showing.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Captain Bryan's **Chinco III** out of Seaford had very good fluking when the weather cooperated. On Tuesday Bill Houk had 9 good keepers but the rest of the weekdays were tough with poor drifting conditions. The weekend's half day trips were all good with better anglers averaging 6 keeper fluke apiece. Please note the boat will be sailing its half day trips this Thursday and Friday as well as on the weekend.

We hear from John at **Pop's Fishing Station** that the fishing con-

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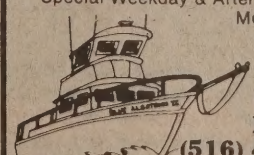
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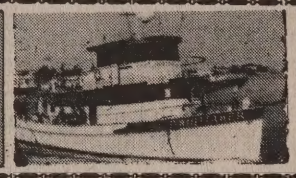

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tinues to improve on the fluke when weather and rains subside. Flounder action has been very good on worm, mussel and plenty of chum with the areas east and west of the Jones Beach Piers, Goose Drain being best. Fish are big and fat and two lbers. are not rare. Fluking seems to have picked up a bit. Rudy, Steve, Ed and Bob hoisted several 3 lb. class fish at Massapequa Creek and buoys 13 and 14. Squaw Island was a producer too with killie-squid combos working best.

From **Wanser's Tackle** Lon advises the flounder action has been good in the deep holes at the 3rd Wantagh and Island channel bridges. Also the three Meadowbrook spans and Short Beach CG station have been good. Fluke are throughout the bay, scattered, but mostly keepers. Russ Brown of Massapequa had a basket full of fluke on Sunday fishing bulkhead drain. Also productive has been Goose and Haunts Creek, drawbridge and 4 Corners. Load of Blues at Cholera and three sisters and an occasional blue in the bay.

Art at **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** told of Phil and Sandy and their 7¾ lb. fluke taken at the 3rd Wantagh Saturday on live killies. Good floundering at the Black Banks, fish to 2 lbs. Sunday saw Don Gareca with 12 keeper fluke from 14 to 19 inches. Best areas have been Great Island Channel and Squaw. Some bccs in the canal.

The word from **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh is of fantastic blues Thursday through Sunday from Jones Inlet/South of Jones reef, fish 3 to 4 lbs. on diamonds and on the troll. Loads and loads of sand eels in the water said Mike. Fluking has picked up somewhat with Jones Inlet better on spearing with the top of the flood best. Small blues in the same area on tins and on bait. Some good fluking behind Gilgo in the state channel in deeper water with killies. Flounder has slowed a bit but the CG area and Swift Creek have been good on slack. Bloodworms have been best with fish to 2 lbs. and no chumming necessary. Small blacks and sea bass and a few sand porgies have been taken also. Tiny snappers off the docks. No bccs locally but lots of bass being chummed in the state channel and at the 3rd Wantagh. A 52 lb. bass was taken on a live bunker Tuesday in the bay and weighed in at the store but the angler was secretive as to the exac spot.

We hear from Gary at **Garon's Tackle** in Merrick of reasonably good fluking in Jones Inlet. A few weaks and stripers have been taken in the Jones Beach surf on bunker chunks while trolled tubes in 30 feet of water at Field 6 have produced fish this week. Some porgies at the local bridges, bccs making a decent showing in the Hudson canal and tons of blues all over the place.

Out of Freeport the **Star Stream II** reports that most trips have been good solid producers with 50 to 60

blues a man commonplace for good anglers on good days. Fish are averaging 2 to 6 lbs. with a few outlaws running up to 13 lbs. Nights have been good, with weather taken into consideration fish 2 to 6 lbs. with an occasional bruiser. The boat has been working from the 3 Sisters to 17 Fathoms nights, while days they're finding fish in 50 to 60 ft. of water.

On the charter boat **Nan-Sea** on Sunday Todd fished in the Skipper Restaurant Shark Tournament and took 1st place with a 229 lb. mako. There were also bluefish taken in 140 ft. of water SE of Jones, said the skipper.

A call from Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** reported fluking was very good through Friday but slowed on the weekend. Doc Georgia had 11 keepers while Catchy Abrahams of Great Neck, age 8, had a 3½ lber. An upstate angler pulled 15 nice fluke. On Saturday, Ed Goodwin of Hanover Bank had 15 keeper fluke while Jim Flaherty took the pool wiht a 3½ lber. Bluefish trips have been excellent, with the boat running just 2½ miles from the jetty. Sackfuls, said the skipper, most fish 2 to 5 lbs. with an occasional visiting 12 lber. Jim Conley of Monel Engine Company bagged a 12 lber. this week. Jack Conroy had over 20 blues. It's been jigs days, bait at night. On another trip, Bill Gara and John Ross tied for high hook honors while Tom McCarthy took the pool.

We hear from the charter boat **Capt. Joe** of Saturday's trip for Boy Scout Troop #21, Suffern with Roger Cary, Al Capruski and Norm Baker totaling 15 keeper fluke with a 5 lber. taking the pool. Sunday was tough for fluke but the charter for Franklin/Elmont Fishing Club picked a decent catch nonetheless.

Call from the charter boat **Capt. Gary** told of Monday's trip for Entemann's Bakery having a very good day fluke with Barbara Horstmeyer taking the pool with 3.8 oz. fish and Pete Simone taking high hook honrs with 14 good fluke. Friday's day trip for the Warren Harris group had a good day jigging blues. Warren took the pool and was high hook. Saturday's trip for the Lou Tomasetti group had good fluking. Charlies was high hook and the pool fish went 4 lbs. Saturday's night trip for blues had the Richie Apel group with a good catch fishing Cholera. Richie was high hook and took the pool with a 10 lber. The Sunday trip for the Cecil Best group had a good mixed bag of blacks, sea bass, ling and blues with George Bell high hook. Cecil Blaze took the pool with a 7 lb. blue.

On the **Capt. Andy** this week an 8 lb. fluke was caught on the Friday AM trip by Helen Pawluk of Queens Village on a flounder rig on her 39th wedding anniversary, no less. Very good flounder catches most trips said the skipper and he still plans to stay with the flounder since the action is so strong.

We picked away all week said Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** with high hook Friday in the teens and the top of the flood best. Thursday's pool winner was a 5 lb. 3 oz. fluke. Floundering was out of this world Friday PM with Roland Giutini of Port Washington hoisting 51 flatties, Charlie Martin of Bayside 36, Joe Bolteggio of Oceanside 34, and Paul Wetterow of Franklin Sq. 35. Fish ran to 2½ lbs. and were taken locally on both tides. The half day boat had some decent fluke catches this week

We hear from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** that its trips were mostly for fluke this week with catches fair to good with a good keeper ratio and fish up to 4 lbs. on sand eels, squid and spearing taken in the back, Reynolds and the inlets. Mondays trip was for North Levittown Lanes, Tuesday for Joe Caralieri, NYCFD, Wednesday

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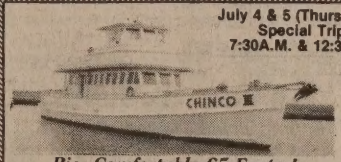

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for Dwelling Managers of NYC. Thursday it was after the blues in 40 to 50 ft of water with 2 to 3 lbers. jigged SSE of the inlet. Back to fluke Friday for the Don Clampett group. Saturdays trip for Le Branche and Co. of NYC, Sunday for No. Merrick FD.

A call came in from the charter boat **Corsair** telling of Saturdays trip after fluke for the John Katinas group of Elmont. Blues were caught south of buoy 2 out of Jones Inlet. Fish were jigged up to 4 lbs. High hook was Angelo Actistano of Elmont with 11 fish. Blues were jigged and trolled Sunday off Long Beach for the Bryan Collmeyer group. Sally Frank of Levittown was high hook with 10 blues to 4 lbs.

A call from Marvelous Marv of **Sea Isle Sports** told of a catch by JR of the store fishing with the Dytek group Sunday at Hudson Canyon and using Jets, Konas and Yaps, JR accounted for a 165 lb. bigeye and 4 yft, 40 to 50 lbs. Marv said on Saturday almost every boat that hit the Canyon had 4 to 7 bigeyes per boat and lots of yellowfin, all on plastic.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we learn that the **Super Spray II** has been having fair to good fluke catches on its daily trips and solid night bluefishing. Jones Inlet and Reynolds and the grounds off Riis Park have been best. The charter fleet has been picking up fluke and the offshore trolling boats have been loading up on blues with 17 fathoms a hotspot. From the NOAA buoy to the tower there's been lots of 20 to 40 lb. yellowfins caught.

Down in Pt. Lookout the **Capt. Bill** tells of high hook of 10 keeper fluke Sunday morning for Roosevelt Rogers. Fares averaged 3 to 7 keepers a man on Sunday with the last of the ebb best in Reynolds. Two 4 lbers. tied for the pool that day. Picky fishing was had in the PM on the flood tide in Jones. The boat fished flounder Saturday and the am high hook was 20 fish despite the strong tides and loads of grass.

Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** called the flounder during the week excellent. Saturday morning the moon tide and weed conditions made picky fishing and pretty much the same on Sunday. Good flounder-ing off Short Beach and at the Big M with 10 to 30 fish per man on a good day on clam and wrom. Saturday's night bluefishing trip working SW of the R2 buoy saw a great catch made on 3 to 5 lbers. jigged prior to dark. After dark the boat moved to Cholera and had excellent slug fests with 10 to 16 lbers. on chum and butterfish.

Word from the **Miss Point Lookout** is that fluke activity seems to be increasing. On the Wednesday PM trip Bob Hull of No. Massapequa had 21 keepers while Paul Schuyler bagged a 3 lb. 3 oz. pool fish. On Friday regular Fred Weitzen took the pool with a 2½ lber. Saturday AM Donna Osborne had a 2¾ lb. pool winner and on the PM trip a 2½ lber. took the pool for Don Farrell. Fluking

has been best in Reynolds anD Jones Inlet on both tides. Night blues have been excellent with fish to 14 lbs. Earl French took the pool Friday night with a 12 lber. and on Tueday's night trip 20 fares had roughly 350 blues.

Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of good fluking this week with outgoing water working best. A party of Charles, Roy and Marge Russo scored wtih 20 keeper fluke to 3 lbs. in front of the station using sand eels. Flounder continue very good at the Big M. Cocktail blues have also been hitting the bridge anD inlet as well on diamonds. At the J2 buoy in 40 ft. of water bigger blues have been slamming jigs aND umbrellas.

Word from the **Capt. Al** is that Saturday's trip had over 1,000 bluefish bouncing on the deck. Contributing to this uproar were Ralph Martinez with 58 fish to 12 lbs., Santo Rosa with 50 and Ray Cartnegena with 46 to 14 lbs. The skipper reported very good bluefish action all week long right through the weekend with night trips almost as good.

We hear from **Scotty's Fishing Station** that Vince Tomaselli nailed a 4 lbs. fluke off the Pt. Lookout Pier Sunday at the beginning of incoming, while Cliff Smith and buddy had 20 blues 10 to 15 lbs. jiggings at Cholera. Very good flounder action in Swift Creek and fluke on the upswing in Reynolds.

A call from **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told of an improvement in the fluking with some big specimens being caught in the bay. The west end of Reynolds Channel has been scoring more heavily. Rental customers have been doing nicely on fluke at buoys 3 and 5 in Reynolds. Spearing and killies have been the hot baits. Bob Williamson and Sid Pettit, Lynbrook hoisted 28 keepers to 4½ lbs. Blues in Reynolds from the ABB to Debs being livelined with bunker. Some cow bass and weaks in the same areas on bunker also. Nick Savene on the boat No Time had 35 blues 8 to 16 lbs. chumming at the Farms. Also on the boat were Rob, Jim, Ed and George The Hook. 17 years old Steve Ferrigo fishing from the Magnolia Blvd. Pier Saturday had 18 good fluke and 8 cocktail blues.

A 335 lb. mako was brought to gaff in 3 hrs and 35 mins. on 30 lb. line by Phil Butti fishing aboard the Jubilee. A 125 lb. mako was taken by Ronnie Kleinfield aboard his boat skipper.

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Over at **Skippy'S Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway, skippy tells of good fluking this week with backwaters producing best for small private boats using live killies. BCCs excellent in the E. Rockaway channels, especially in Bay Park. Tiny snappers in the local canals and 1 to 2 lb. blues off the beaches with larger ones a little further off. Offshore tuna action has been hot while flounder fishing at the

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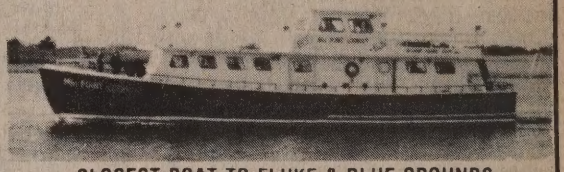

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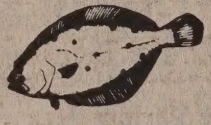

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Sailing out of Howard Beach the **Capt. Mike** had a definite contender in the Harbor Festival Tournament with a 9 lb. 8 oz. fluke, weighed in at Cross Bay Bait and Tackle. The fish was caught by Bernie Levine of Bklyn. on 8 lb. test. Fluking has been very good said Mike and he has been working inside the Nova Scotia sand bar in Jamaica Bay. Plenty of fluke with an 80 percent keeper ratio, both tides working. High hook of the week was 25 keepers with killie and squid working best.

Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay told of 8 year old Mike Barr with the 7 lb. fluke he took on spearing at Airport Channel in Jamaica Bay Tuesday. Arthur Barr on Friday took a 6 lb. weak on a whole bunker, incoming tide, same place. A 12½ lb. weak was caught Monday off the North channel bridge on a bunker strip on the flood by Vince Badame of MiddleVillage. Fluke and weakfish now the staple at the bridges with a few porgies thrown in.

Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** in Sheepshead Bay says "plenty of fish." All big bluefish off Coney Island, 17 fathoms and Seabright. Big fluke off Coney Island, Manhattan Beach and throughout Jamaica bay. Neil weighed in an 11 lb. 4 oz. fluke which appears to be the winner in the Harbor Festival fluke party boat div., with angler James Granville of Bkly. Fish was taken at Sandy Hook on sand eel squid combo. Weaks to 14 lbs. being brought in with Ted Ranort of Broad Channel catching this on a bunker chunk in Jaimaica bay.

Capt. Mike of the charter boat **Day Breaker** called Sat. and Sun. bluefish Saturdays trip for Dr. Liz Copola saw

Liz with the 15 lb. pool winner and high hook honors with fish 8 to 15 lbs. The total for 3 people on the trip was approx. 100 blues. Sunday's trip saw 150 8 to 15 lbs. choppers swung into the boat on bait and chum. Mike said bass and weaks are starting to come in and he will be focussing attention on this species.

Capt. Butch of the **Zephyr** called this week's fluking super. Sandy Hook Bay and the New Jersey coast have been producing keepers to 6 lbs. with catches ranging from 15 to 45 keepers a person. Catches have been consistent nearly every day withy sand eels working best followed by spearing and belly.

From the **Flamingo III** we learn of excellent b lue catches all week long, different areas on different days, all along the NJ beachfront. Fish have been averaging 2 to 5 lbs. with some big 8 to 10 lbers. mixed in all on jigs. The boat is now starting to fish night blues at 7PM Friday and Saturday nights.

The Staten Island charter boat **Fishfinder** called to report plnenty of big blues at 17 fathoms 9 to 15 lbs. on chunks and chum. Raritan Bay has been h olding plenty of 2 to 4 lb. blues and 8 to 12 lb. weaks at night on chunks and chum.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

After the rain and easterly flow stopped late in the week, fishing picked up quickly. All summer species were nicely represented in most areas, and indicators pointed toward an excellent early summer period.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun and Tackle** in New Rochelle claimed that there were a few big blues trolled from mid Sound on umbrellas. Fluking remained good, but picky, on the Long Island side, and the **Klondike VIII** was still hammering away at 3 to 5 pound bluefish to the east.

The **North Star** from City Island had a good mixed bag of bottom fish on most days, including porgies, blackfish and winter flounder. **Jack's Bait and Tackle** on City Island was looking forward to flounder all summer from Harts, Prospect Point and Sands. Tautog remained steady off Execution, Pea Island and the CBS Tower. Chunking for bluefish on the drift remained good for 3 to 6 pound choppers off Bayville and in Hempstead Harbor.

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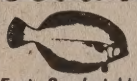

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Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported the best summer flounder in the shop so far was a 7.15 pounder from Hempstead Harbor. Some big blues in the 10 to 12 pound class made a showing during the week of Pryble for chunkers. Nasi suggest getting serious about worm trolling right now or looking for bass when you chunk the bottom for blues.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bill Collins of the **Ever Ready** had some outstanding days during the past week. On Saturday, Pete Panse took the pool with a 12 pound weakfish, and almost every fare had a couple of 6 pound weaks to show for the outing. There were loads of blues in the 1½ to 3 pound bracket as well. High hooks were especially high on Monday when Mark Fisher led the totals. Action extends all the way from Lilco to the Nissequogue.

George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** explained that weakfish were also taken along Marshall Field beaches and that a few larger blues in the 8 to 12 pound class were also in the shoreline areas. Corinne Valentine trolled a 10.14 tiderunner on a worm off Eatons, and John Maiorana jigged a 10 pounder near the river. Bob Nurenberger had a 31 pound striper off Lloyds on Friday night. Many reports of short fluke were coming from the Nissequogue, Crab

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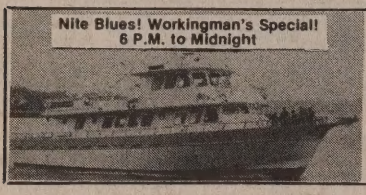

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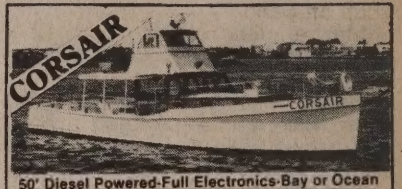

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Arthur Baker celebrated Father's Day by decking this 10 lb. blue during an afternoon fluke trip aboard the open boat, "Miss Point Lookout."

Meadow and Sand City. Porgy fishing picked up dramatically on Saturday and Sunday on small to medium size scup off Sand City.

Mel at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** weighed a 7 pound summer flounder for Joe Paradis on Saturday. He especially liked the action off Asharoken, Eatons and Makamah on blues and weaks. Sekora tails and Tri-Fin eel worms were producing very well.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in Northport reported that Don Harzdorf and a partner had 8 weakfish to 11.12 pounds on Wednesday night despite the blow. Daytime anglers should look around the Lilco platform and troll unless the fish are up on top. Then poppers and whiptails work equally well on blues in the 4 pound class. Sand City beaches had numerous 2 to 3 pound fluke.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson mentioned very good bluefishing off Oldfield and Cranes with porgies in both those areas as well. Scup off Cranes were larger, ranging from 3/4 pound to jumbos. Jigging off buoy 11 for weakfish was good and fluking off Flax had picked up. The best summer flounder of the past week tipped the scales in the 5 to 5½ pound range.

Al Sturges from the **Compleat Angler** wanted to mention some good Montauk fishing by Mike and Matthew Sauter. After loading up on great codfishing and bottom species aboard the **Viking Starship**, they went tuna fishing and Matt managed a 460 pound giant.

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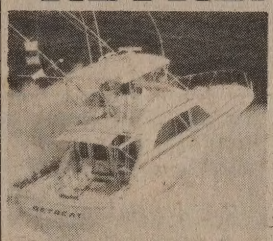
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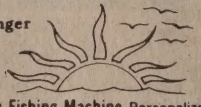

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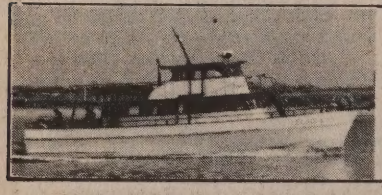

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rods also had weakfish. Large porgies were around buoy 9 and fluking picked up after the storm as well.

NORTH FORK

Dan Buckley of the **Nancy Ann II** took a run to Horton's on Saturday and had 2 to 3 fluke per fare on the change of tide. Fish were good size with the pool flattie around 6 pounds. Buckley advises that any wind at all makes drifting there poor and feels that there's a better shot at more fish off Gardiner's. That sentiment was echoed by Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** who has been fluking regularly off Gardiner's with his parties. Rich had his best fluke so far, a 7½ pounder, in the Gardiner's zone. We note that the **Nancy Ann II** will now be sailing from Orient by the Sea for daily fluke with afternoon trips at 4:30 on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for blues.

The **Brand X** had a very good Saturday on large porgies off Gardiner's. Larry Porter seemed very pleased that the big fish were there in such good

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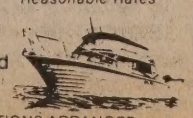
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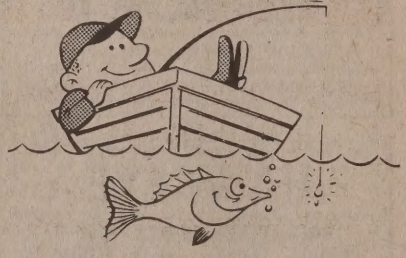
Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport advises that winter flounder have packed into Petty's Bight with some 2 pounders mixed in, and that there were weakfish scattered from Rocky Point and Mulford down to Trumans.

Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** in Southold had reports on occasional weakfish catches to 5 fish from Hay Beach to Dering Harbor on morning tides. There were still fluke off buoy 8, and a pick of fish obtained in the Brickyard and off Greenlawns.

Good Sound catches of fluke, porgies and bluefish were mentioned by **Warren's Tackle Shop** in Aquebogue and by the **Mattituck Fishing Station.** Charlie Caraftis suggested going west of the Beachcomer on incoming for porgies with the Firing Range better on the outgoing water. The average scup are around 1 pound, but there are a few jumbos in the area as well. Five of the livery skiffs on Saturday, had weeks in the 4 to 6 pound class. Fluke around the Inlet area were numerous, but the largest are only about 3 pounds. Horton's on Sunday morning was full of shorts, consequently it would appear that most of the larger summer flounder have now shifted to the east.

All boats had fish from **Captain Marty's Fishing Station** in New Suffolk on Saturday. One catch of 3 weakfish to 5 pounds and 40 porgies came from an anchored skiff on the Middle Grounds. There were also some scup off buoy 28. Muddy water in the bay may be hampering catches somewhat, a temporary situation resulting from recent rains and easterlies.



Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The big news wherever surf fishermen gather, continues to be the impressive run of weaks at Montauk. Gin Beach and Shawgong produced fish every night this past week with the exception of Thursday, when only 2 or 3 of the yellowfins were picked by a score of casters working the rip atht the point. The fact that several impressive stripers have been taken among the weaks, added further spice to the action. A good clue to the intensity of the run is revealed by some of the week's scores.

Back to last Monday night, Ron Popp, Tom Demme and Lou Fuglice used 1½ oz. green Super Strike Needlefish plugs to take 18 weaks, 2 blues to 9 lbs. and 1 school bass. Ron and Tom returned on Tuesday night to take 15 more weaks. On Wednesday night, Tom was joined by Lou who added a 30 lb. striper to their catch of 17 weakfish.

Other casters who cashed in on Wednesday night's action included Charlie Ruga, Bo Tiederman and Richie Brown. According to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk, he weighed stripers of 15 and 26 lbs. for Bob. It was left to Farragut Striper Club member Richie Brown to take the week's most impressive striper. He used a large Super Strike Needlefish to take a cown of 48 lbs. 10 oz. John knew of a 30 striper taken this past Sunday night at Shagwong and weighed a similar size fish for David Scheno just prior to my speaking to him Monday morning. This latter fish was taken along one of the south side beaches

after daybreak.

With calmer conditions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, the usual array of swimmers (Bombers, Rebels, Redfins and Hellcats) and Red Gill droppers took their share of fish along with the needlefish. According to Kronuch, 6 inch Bombers in blue/silver and black/silver were particularly effective.

While Friday night proved picky for some casters, at least one pair left the beach laden down with fish. According to Dave Canale of **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale, he and Sal Pantaleone came upon a pair of walkers who counted 23 big weaks between them. Missing out on most of the action, Dave and Sal still managed to take 6 of the tiderunners. Jointed Rebels and Red Gill teasers proved to be the ticket for the two walkers, according to Dave.

Billy Kobel introduced Jeff Sonderstead to surf fishing in a grand way on Saturday night. According to Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, the pair made the trek to Shagwong and returned with 15 big weaks and a pair of 8 lb. bass in their cooler. Small 1 oz. Musso needles turned the trick for them. Paul added that there was some lively action with small blues on the east side of Shinnecock Saturday evening.

Elsewhere on the South Shore, Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle** in Babylon recorded a 13 lb. 1 oz. weakfish for Henry Schneider on Sunday. The huge tiderunner was taken at 2PM on the inlet side of Oak Beach on a strip bait meant for fluke. Tom also relayed word that Phil Jacobs used yellow Gibbs Needlefish to take a pair of school bass from the backside of Democrat on Thursday night.

Bob Vitale, of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor, recorded an 8.4 weak and several 6-8 lb. blues for a Mr. "T" of Lindenhurst. They were taken at Democrat on Musso Super Strike needles Tuesday night. Scott Smyth used "needles" and Hellcats to take 4 short bass and a 6 lb. weak from the backside of Robert Moses on Friday night.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford reported weighing a 10½ lb. weak for an anonymous caster on Friday morning. The angler did tell Lon that the fish was taken on biat at Field 6, Jones Beach. The tackle man was one of several sources who provided clues to some good bass and weakfish action going on at Caumsett State Park up on the north shore.

Glen Cove Sport Shop recorded a couple of decent north shore bass this week. Ron Oldenberg clicked with a 12 lber. while Artie Miller managed a 13.8 lb. striper.

George Valentine said that while the bluefish action along area beaches has mellowed, there have been a fair number of weaks around since the end of last week. A few decent stripers are mixed among the weaks as well. James Speikers of Watertown, Minnesota was introduced to Long Island surf fishing by G-96-Rep. Bruce Newmark on Friday night. The visiting angler made his first surf fish a memorable one, taking an 11 lb. weak on a small Musso Needlefish from a Huntington Beach.

There were still blues on the east side of the Nissequogue River early last week. Rob Ozinski called again to report 6 blues, including a 6 lber., taken on 4½ inch Rebels.

Still blues in and out along area beaches, according to Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** in Rocky Point. Most are small but there is still the occasional 8-10 lb. chopper. Some weaks and quite a few small bass around on night tides being taken on Redfin or Rebel swimmers/Red Gill dropper combos. Phil Pope checked in with a 9 lb. striper taken Sunday night. Same night Bobby Rosenberger and Steve Kellner kept busy beaching 26 stripers, six of which were over the 24 inch minimum size limit.

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Freshwater REPORT
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Cool, wet, and windy weather early in the week kept many fishermen at home and diminished the catches of those anglers who did venture out. Towards week's end, however, the action seemed to be back on track. While there were few large bass weighed in this week, plenty of fish in the one and two pound class were caught. Trout fishing continued to be somewhat slow, even in the parks, but panfishing remains outstanding. Action with carp and catfish has been favorable for those who regularly seek these species.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** in Lynbrook, reports bassing as usual at Grant Park and Hempstead Lake. Not many large fish being taken, but plenty of shorts available. Charlie also mentioned that one fisherman showed him rainbow trout of 12 and 14 inches taken from Connetquot River State Park.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike Nicoletti reports that Steve Burey and friend used popping plugs to take bass of 5.2 and 4.8 pounds from Forge Pond in Riverhead. They had ten other bass and some pickerel to boot. Dave Romeo also fished Forge Pond this week, taking four bass and eight pickerel on killie baits. Locally, in the Twin Lakes, youngsters have been doing just fine with small bass, sunnies and some large bullheads. Most of the fish have been responding to worm baits, but a youngster by the name of Danny has been using 1/16 ounce Mr. Twisters to really pound the bass. White or yellow are the best colors.

Fred Laager at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in Farmingdale, called this week's fishing "a little lean," still he did know that Tom Boyle took six smallmouth bass, to 2 pounds, on gold spinners from Lower Lake in Yaphank. From upstate Roscoe, New York, three anglers checked in a mess of trout taken from the Willow Emoc River. One angler took fifteen trout on light Cahills.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle Shop,** also found freshwater reports few and far between this week. He did know, however, that pickerel in the 18 to 20 inch range were still being caught regularly in Southards Pond.

At **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon, Tom informs us that there has been some good carp fishing in Carl's River. Bread and cheese bass seem to be doing the trick for fish up to eight pounds. Some pickerel have also been taken in this same stretch. Tom also passed on the news that a

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regular by the name of Nick has been pulling some bass in the 2 pound class from a small pond located behind the Caldor shopping center in Babylon. Killies are the bait to use here.

I took a drive down to Lake Ronkonkoma early this week where, despite the rain, shore fishermen using worms and working the lake's northeast corner, were connecting with quite a few sunfish and perch. One angler also had four bullheads in the 3/4 to 1 pound range. Bass and pickerel fishing on the big lake was on the slow side this week.

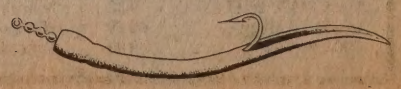
In Smithtown, Mike Venuti, who monitors the action inside Caleb Smith State Park, reported that while trout fishing was real slow this week, the quality of those fish taken was excellent. Several brown and rainbow trout in the 3 pound range were taken with the main pond the most productive area. One fisherman reported losing a rainbow, which he estimated weighed about 5 pounds, after the fish ripped a hole in his landing net.

From **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale, comes confirmation of slow fishing this week. About the only fresh water fish weighed in was the 2 pound largemouth bass caught in Bayport's Lotus Lake by Debbie Adams. Action in Connetquot State Park has been about the same as last week.

Over at **J&J Bait and Tackle Shop** in Patchogue, John informs us that Phil Uruburu weighed in a 5.5 pound largemouth bass taken from Artist Lake on a spinnerbait. Six year old Allen Otto of Centereach, stopped by to show off the 24 inch pickerel he caught in Cannon Lake, while fishing with his dad. Last week's report of a 5.12 pound bass taken by an unidentified angler from West Lake in Patchogue, was caught by Richie Augustine. Kids fishing in the local lakes and creeks have been doing well with panfish.

According to Mary Gallo, fishing in Southaven Park, has been on the slow side of late. One nice brown trout was taken from the fly fishing section of the river. Caught by Frank Gillespie, the brownie measured 16 inches. Ed Munsen took a few bass up to 13 inches from the lake.

Out east, at the **Fisherman's Deli,** George Devlin reports that bass fishing has been fair. George felt that the wet weather in the early part of the week and predictions of more rain over the weekend really chopped down angler effort. Still, Mike Jacobs of Wading River had no complaints. Mike took bass of 5.10 and 6.1 pounds from Laurel Lake late in the week. He now holds first and second place in the **Fisherman's Deli Bass Contest.** Third place holder, Bob Bliss of Riverhead, checked in a 5 pound largemouth taken in Forge Pond and Tom Fox weighed in a 4.4 pounder which he pulled from the Peconic River.



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How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	10:00	10:20	10:55	11:15	10:50	11:05	11:40	11:50	1:20	2:00	12:55	1:30	9:55	10:15	7/4
FRI.	10:50	11:05	11:45	—	11:45	11:55	—	12:30	2:10	2:50	1:45	2:20	10:45	11:00	7/5
SAT.	11:45	11:55	12:00	12:30	—	12:35	12:40	1:20	3:00	3:40	2:35	3:05	11:35	11:50	7/6
SUN.	—	12:30	12:45	1:20	12:45	1:25	1:30	2:15	3:50	4:30	3:25	3:55	—	12:20	7/7
MON.	12:40	1:20	1:30	2:05	1:30	2:10	2:25	3:05	4:45	5:20	4:10	4:45	12:40	1:10	7/8
TUES.	1:25	2:00	2:20	2:55	2:15	2:55	3:20	4:00	5:45	6:15	5:05	5:35	1:30	2:05	7/9
WED.	2:15	2:50	3:05	3:45	3:00	3:40	4:15	4:55	6:45	7:05	6:00	6:25	2:20	2:55	7/10
THURS.	3:05	3:40	4:00	4:55	3:45	4:30	5:10	5:40	7:40	8:00	6:50	7:15	3:10	3:45	7/11

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	7/4	5:30	8:40
FRI.	7/5	5:30	8:39
SAT.	7/6	5:30	8:39
SUN.	7/7	5:31	8:38
MON.	7/8	5:32	8:38
TUE.	7/9	5:32	8:37
WED.	7/10	5:33	8:37

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	7/4	10:42PM	7:25AM
FRI.	7/5	11:12PM	8:36AM
SAT.	7/6	11:38PM	9:43AM
SUN.	7/7	—	10:48AM
MON.	7/8	12:00AM	11:50AM
TUE.	7/9	12:20AM	12:50PM
WED.	7/10	12:40AM	1:50PM

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	7:40	1:30	8:15	2:00
Sat.	8:45	2:35	9:20	3:05
Sun.	9:45	3:35	10:15	4:00
Mon.	10:40	4:30	11:10	4:55
Tues.	11:30	5:20	11:40	5:45
Wed.	—	6:10	12:20	6:30
Thurs.	12:45	6:45	12:55	7:05

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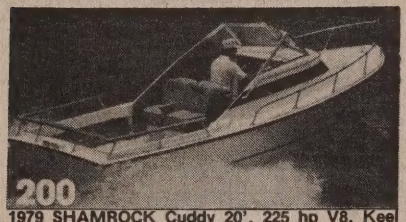

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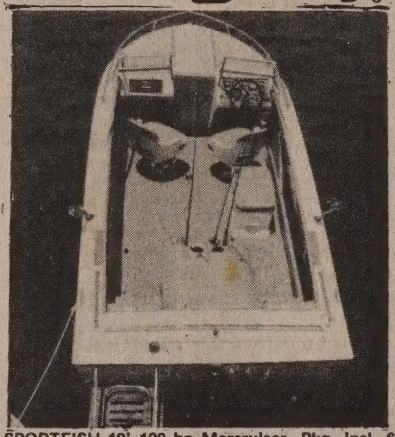

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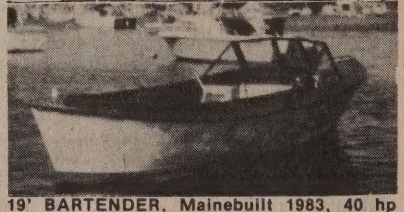

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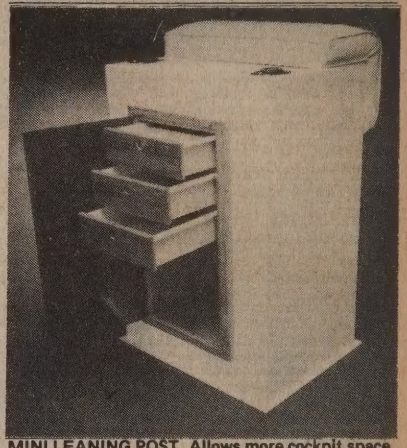

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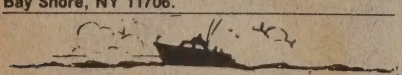

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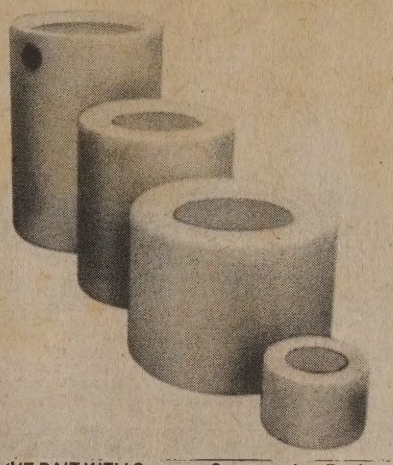

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